

Prayer Amendment Threatens Liberty

WASHINGTON (BP) — A number of Baptist leaders in the nation have warned Congress against weakening or repudiating the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution by passing a so-called prayer amendment to permit "nondenominational prayer" in public buildings.

Former BWA Head Becomes President Of Liberia

MONROVIA — Vice President William R. Tolbert became the new chief executive of Liberia upon the death of President William V. S. Tubman at the age of 75.



Dr. Tolbert, 58, served as president of the Baptist World Alliance from 1965 to 1970. Elected Vice President in 1962, he became pastor of a Baptist church in his home town of Bensonville the same year. Three years later he founded Mount Sinai Baptist church in the Todge district and has continued as pastor of both congregations since.

On being sworn in as President of Africa's oldest independent republic, Dr. Tolbert promised to continue the policies of Dr. Tubman, who ruled for 28 years.—RNS

The top executives and elected heads of six Baptist groups, in letters and statements to Congress, declared support for the Supreme Court decisions of 1962 and 1963 which prohibited government-sponsored prayers and devotions in public schools.

At issue now in the House of Representatives is a move to pass a resolution to amend the Constitution to read: "Nothing contained in this Constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled, in any public building which is supported in

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whole or in part through the expenditure of public funds, to participate in nondenominational prayer."

After going to Congress, such a resolution would have to be approved by a majority vote in both Houses of Congress and by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states within seven years of its passage before it becomes law.

As of July 30, 190 members of the House of Representatives have signed a discharge petition to bypass the House Judiciary Committee which has not reported the bill to the House floor. Emmanuel Celler (D. N. Y.) is chairman of the committee. The discharge petition is sponsored by Rep. Chalmers P. Wylie (R. Ohio).

The president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Carl E. Bates, of Charlotte, N. C., charged that the proposed prayer amendment "could lead to excessive involvement of the state in religious matters." Bates cited, in a message to Congress, the recent action of the convention in St. (Continued On Page 2)

Group Suggests Texas Hospitals Get US Grants

DALLAS (BP)—A special hospital study committee has recommended that the Baptist General Convention of Texas allow its nine hospitals to accept federal grants and low interest loans to offset the difference between federal payments for services to government patients and the cost of providing the services.

After a year's study, the 58-man committee also recommended that the Texas Baptist Executive Board be empowered to release a hospital in case a financial emergency would necessitate such action before the next annual session. It would be a last resort.

The committee also recommended that hospitals be allowed to add a minority of non-Baptists to their needed community support.

The recommendations must be approved in September by the Texas Convention's Executive Board, which formed the study committee and the annual session in Houston, Oct. 26-28.

Previous annual convention sessions have ruled decisively against acceptance of any federal aid by its institutions, expressing fear that such aid would open the door to federal control.

The committee's report said that convention policy on church-state separation has been "valid up to this point and this committee is not taking issue with this position."

Noting that the situation in the health care field has changed "markedly" with "intrusion" of the government, the report said that hospitals now "are virtually dominated in their policies and practices by federal regulations."

Boone Powell, executive director of (Continued On Page 2)

New "History of Mississippi Baptists" Now Available At Baptist Book Store

Copies of the new History of Mississippi Baptists, recently announced by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Board, will be distributed by the Baptist Book Store in Jackson and are now available at \$7.00 per copy.

One copy will be given complimentary to every church in the State Convention and any and all other copies desired will be on sale at the Book Store for the regular price.

The free copy to be provided to each church will be distributed through the associational superintendents of missions or foster superintendents in a few cases.

In associations that do not have a superintendent of missions or foster superintendent, distribution will be carried out by the moderator of the association, Dr. Hudgins said.

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Leaves Witness For His Church

First Southern Baptist On Moon

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (BP) — Astronaut James B. Irwin, the first Southern Baptist to walk on the moon, blasted off from Cape Kennedy in Apollo 15 with plans to leave a witness for his church on the moon.

Lt. Col. Irwin, a member of Nassau Bay Baptist Church near the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, took with him in Apollo 15 two photographed copies of a banner from his church.

This is not the first time that objects concerning churches have been carried to the moon. One of the astronauts on the last moon trip carried in his pocket a microscopic microfilm which contained the names of hundreds of Christian leaders, churches and denominational agencies. Among them were The Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Baptist Record. However, this microscopic film was not left on the moon, but was brought back by the astronaut, who is a Christian and member of another denomination. The material, including microscopic copies of the Bible had been prepared by the Apollo Prayer League.

He planned to leave one on the moon and return the other for reproduction and distribution to church members.

The banner includes a picture of the church; the slogan, "Things Happen at Nassau Bay Baptist Church;" the inscription, "Our prayers go with the crew of Apollo 15; the crew members' names; and the signatures of all those present at the church on James Irwin Day."

On that day at the church, Irwin gave his testimony four times — three times to Sunday School assemblies and once before the entire church. Mrs. Irwin, an active Seventh Day Adventist, also gave her testimony, asking for the congregation's prayer. Standing in the V.I.P. viewing stand

outside Mission Control here as the 28-story spacecraft blasted off were W. H. (Bill) Rittenhouse, pastor of the Nassau Bay Baptist Church in Houston and Jack U. Harwell, editor of the Christian Index in Atlanta, Ga.

"As Apollo 15 broke loose from its umbilical cord and supporting gantry and slowly began to mount toward the heavens on its tremendous cushion of flame and smoke, Dr. Rittenhouse and his wife were openly weeping in prayer and compassion that everything would go right for the moon mission and for the three men sitting atop the giant missile," Harwell wrote in a first-person editorial following the blastoff.

"You could actually feel the concern and pastoral care emanating from this man of God as he begged the Lord out loud to 'Get Apollo going,'" Harwell observed.

He added that the Houston pastor shouted, as if Irwin and the crew could hear, "Do it well, Jim," and "Be A-OK, you big bird."

At one point during the launch, Harwell said, the voice of Mission Control instructed the astronauts to cut free a safety mechanism, telling them to "abort the safety mechanism." Rittenhouse's face suddenly went pale, (Continued On Page 2)

Record Throngs At Graham Crusade In Oakland, Calif.

OAKLAND, Calif. (RNS) — The 10-day Billy Graham Crusade in Oakland drew record crowds totaling 100,000 during its first five days, including 8,700 who made "decisions for Christ."

The evangelist said this was the largest response, for the first five days, ever received in a crusade. Youths under 25 made up 75 to 80 percent of the Oakland audience.

Apparently unperturbed by the foggy and unseasonably cold weather with temperatures ranging in the low 50s and high 40s — people streamed into the Coliseum bundled in overcoats to hear the famed evangelist proclaim "God's eternal truths."

On the second day, Mr. Graham declared that "lying as a way of life is spreading so rapidly that the future of this nation is in jeopardy."

"I predict," he said, "that our democracy will dissolve into anarchy, violence and chaos until we can reestablish truthfulness and integrity as the accepted norm."

During an evening crusade some youths from militant peace groups, holding Vietcong and North Viet- (Continued On Page 2)



Toward The Moon

CAPE KENNEDY—The Stars and Stripes wave over Cape Kennedy as the huge Saturn 5 rocket blasts off from its launch pad, carrying the three Apollo 15 astronauts on their mission to the Moon.—RNS PHOTO

BSSB Establishes Names For Divisions, Departments

Official names for all departments and divisions of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board were established by action of the board's trustees in their semi-annual meeting at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

Five divisions were established effective October 1, 1971. They are to be known as the Assembly Division, Book Store Division, Broadman Division, Church Services and Materials Division and Management Services Division.

personnel and public relations will retain present organizational names.

Names for three groups were included under the Church Services and Materials Division: church program organizations group, church program services group and central support group.

National student ministries was included under the Church Services and Materials Division.

Official names of departments of the church program organizations group were established as Sunday School department, church training department and church music department.

An earlier announcement, which proved to be premature, had disclosed plans to change the name of the Sunday School department to "Bible teaching department," but the trustees decided to retain the department's original name.

Four departments — church architecture, church administration, church library and church recreation — (Continued On Page 2)

Open Heart Surgery Now Done At Baptist Hospital

Mississippi Baptist Hospital has become the state's first voluntary (non-governmental) hospital to establish facilities for open-heart surgery, and its cardiovascular unit is presently one of the busiest places in the big 450-bed hospital.

As soon as the unit opened on July

1, following over a year of planning, "the team" began its highly-specialized work—a team consisting of cardiologists, surgeons, and hospital personnel back from special intensive training in Southern medical centers.

On July 19, 17-year-old James Edward Farris, of Runnelstown (Route

8, Hattiesburg), became the first person to undergo open-heart surgery at the hospital. Eight days later, smiling and spry, he was on his way home.

"In the past," says Paul J. Pryor, hospital administrator, "many persons with severe heart problems have

gone to New Orleans or Memphis or Birmingham or Houston to have delicate work done on their heart."

"Now they can have this work done at Mississippi Baptist Hospital. Our cardiovascular unit has the best equipment available, and we are proud of this. But we are even more

proud of the cardiovascular team—the doctors and our own specially-trained hospital personnel."

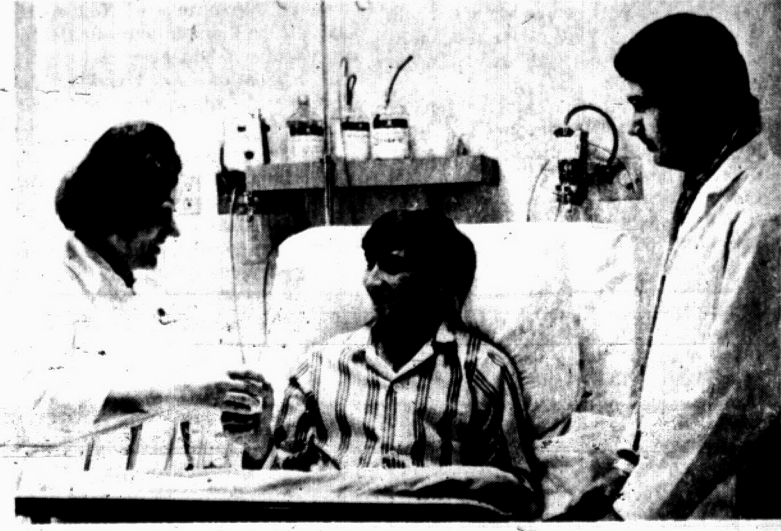
The cardiovascular unit includes sections of the surgical suite where open-heart surgery is performed, a three-bed immediate-recovery area, a 23-bed section for heart patients, and (Continued On Page 2)



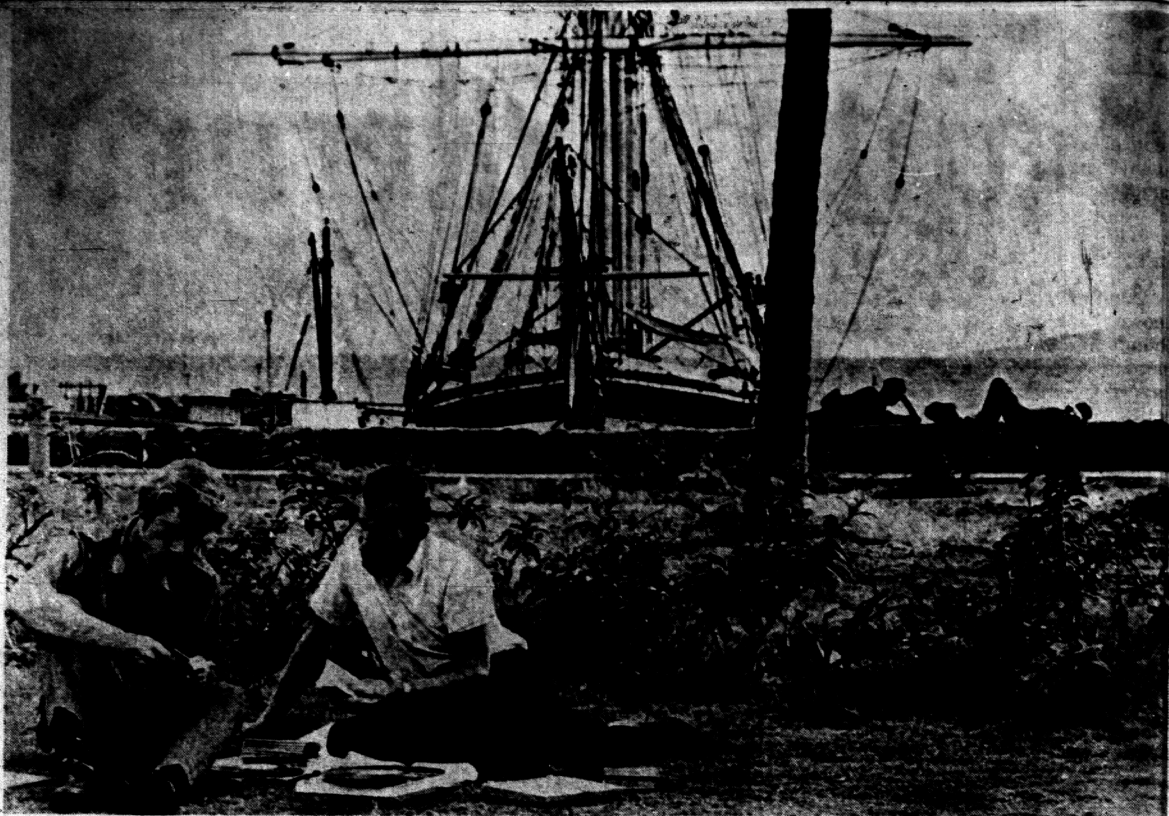
THIS IS A photograph of a heart-catheterization procedure in progress in the hospital's cardiovascular laboratory. It gives some idea of the variety of elaborate equipment necessary for the procedure. While proud of the equipment, hospital officials emphasize that they are even more proud of the cardiovascular team—the personnel especially trained to care for the heart patient.



THE HOSPITAL'S CORONARY-CARE UNIT is part of the total capacity at the hospital for care of the heart patient. Personnel specially trained to care for the heart patient include (from left) Miss Sylvia Parkes, G.N.; Miss Sylvia Denton, G.N.; and Mrs. Brenda Miles, R.N., head nurse on C.C.U. The hospital is owned by the Mississippi Baptist Convention and operated by a board of trustees.



THE FIRST PATIENT to undergo open-heart surgery at Mississippi Baptist Hospital was James Edward Farris, 17, of Route 8, Hattiesburg, one of the 13 children of the late George Farris and Mrs. Lorene Farris. With Farris shortly before his dismissal one week after his surgery are (from left) Miss Sylvia Howse, R.N.; and Ken Smith, R.N., head nurse of the recovery room.



Seashore Ministry

LAHAINA, Hawaii — Southern Baptist missionary Veryl Henderson provides a special ministry to youth who live on the beaches around Lahaina on the Hawaiian islands of Maui. In the late afternoons he plays records along the seashore and waits for curious listeners to come by and ask what he's doing. This leads to religious

"raps" and most always a Bible study since today's youth are becoming very interested in Scriptures. Here, Mr. Henderson (right) talks religion with a young man near some fishing boats on the island.—RNS Photo by Don Rutledge.

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thinking that something had gone wrong and the mission had been aborted.

"Tears streamed down the face of almost everyone in our group," Harwell wrote. "We had agonized with a compassionate pastor for his parishioner and his teammates in a moment of indescribable danger and tension."

In an interview with the Baptist Standard before the blastoff, Rittenhouse called Irwin "one of the most dedicated, solid Christian men you'd find anywhere."

"He is dedicated to the study of God's word, faithful in his testimony and witness," the pastor said.

Upon his return from the moon mission and subsequent assignment to NASA headquarters in Houston, Irwin will witness the baptism of his 10-year-old daughter, Jill, who made a profession of faith on "James Irwin Day" at the church.

Her baptism is scheduled Oct. 24, the first day Rittenhouse is sure that Irwin will be back. Jimmy R. Allen of San Antonio, president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, is to

speak and Metropolitan Opera star Jerome Hines is to sing on that Sunday.

Irwin is one of two astronauts who are members of the Nassau Bay Baptist Church. Lt. Col. Bill Pogue, also a member of the Houston church, is scheduled to participate in the Apollo 17 Sky Lab project in early 1973 when the United States put a scientific laboratory into orbit.

It was Pogue who obtained the official invitations to Rittenhouse and Harwell to attend the launching of Apollo 15 and watch it from the V.I.P. Viewing Stand.

Harwell called the experience of watching Irwin and the crew blast off, and his pastor's reactions as "one of life's unforgettable moments."

"We later thought and talked of all the pastors we had known across the years who also cared deeply and continuously for all the sheep and their flocks, and who weep and agonized daily for the earthly dangers faced every hour by their congregations," Harwell wrote in the editorial.

In that moment, we sensed anew something of the purpose of God as he sent his own caring and sharing Son down to this busy planet to weep and suffer and die for his sheep who so desperately need a shepherd in

their many moments of uncharted adventure across the planet earth.

"In that precious moment which is burned into our souls for eternity," Harwell concluded, "we made a new commitment to the God of the universe, the earth and the moon and everything around them; and to the pastors and churches who serve that God here on our unit of the solar system; and the millions of hurting souls around this planet who are in daily danger of eternal damnation or temporary aloneness without our Saviour or without a compassionate pastor or Christian friend."

Meanwhile, Irwin and David R. Scott, a lay reader in the Episcopal Church, were preparing for a ride in the lunar dune buggy called Rover 1 during three days of exploration. Alfred M. Worden, a Catholic, will orbit overhead.

Scott and Irwin, who have been nicknamed "the Rover boys," will drive a total of 22 miles on the lunar surface during the three days, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, July 31, Aug. 1 and 2.

"It will be quite an interesting day in our church Sunday," Rittenhouse quipped. "One of our members will be out for a Sunday drive... on the moon."

Open Heart Surgery At Baptist

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a special coronary care unit where each heart patient is continuously monitored visually and electronically.

But the "pride" of the new cardiovascular unit is the brand-new cardiovascular laboratory, packed with newly-purchased expensive equipment, where hearts are probed to determine the extent of trouble and the kind of treatment which will be necessary.

Into this laboratory, since it was opened July 1, have gone patients ranging in age from 61 years to those newly born. Some go on to have open-heart surgery. The prescribed treatment for others will vary considerably, depending upon the extent and type of heart damage discovered.

But the main significance of the cardiovascular laboratory is that this is where vital information is obtained about the heart patient, so that the treatment which follows will be the correct treatment. A full-time staff cardiologist administers this laboratory.

The laboratory is built around the catheterization of the heart, in which a catheter (a long, flexible wire) is inserted into the vein of artery of an arm or leg and moved directly into the heart — a process which takes only a short time and which is not painful.

Tiny holes in the catheter permit the cardiologist to measure pressure inside the heart chamber. They also make it possible to draw samples of the blood inside the heart and to inject x-ray dye enabling physicians to see what's going on inside the heart during the probe.

Another valuable piece of new equipment is the pump used during open-heart surgery—a pump which takes over, for the patient, functions of his heart and lungs, so that the surgeon can concentrate on his delicate work on damaged portions of the heart.

Initiation of the cardiovascular unit was announced by Zach T. Hederman, president of the hospital's board of governors, and by Pryor as administrator, and both have emphasized, in subsequent comments, the importance of the team put together to run the unit.

Tradition of the medical profession physicians in the public press, so hospital officials can identify only those members of the team who are employed by the hospital full time.

Mrs. Linda Temple, R.N., is head nurse for the cardiovascular laboratory, assisted by Mrs. Nan Boutwell, R.N., and Mrs. Cynthia Roach, R.N. Gene Rester is the radiology technician. All of them work with the cardiologist performing the heart catheterization.

Mrs. Joyce Blair is secretary to the cardiologist in charge of the cardiovascular laboratory.

Ken Smith—one of a growing number of health field—head nurse for the recovery room, working with Mrs. Nita Butts, R.N.; Mrs. Barbara Albritton, R.N.; Mrs. Faye Chance, R.N.; and Miss Sylvia House, R.N.

Staffing the special ward for heart patients are Mrs. Carol Dixon, head nurse; Miss Gail Kelley, relief head nurse; Mrs. Blanche Burkett, L.P.N.; Mrs. Jewel Worthy, L.P.N.; Miss Sandra Matthews, R.N.; Mrs. Mary Powers, R.N.; Mrs. Edna Castleberry, R.N.

Responsible for the vital heart pump is Miss Toni Souderes, R.N.

Group Suggests Texas Hospitals Get US Grant

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Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, has this explanation:

"Our hospital has to answer to more than 180 agencies of various descriptions. Only one of these is the Baptist General Convention of Texas. If we took \$10 million in federal aid today, we would not add even one more federal regulation. All hospitals, under law, are already under governmental control."

The report indicated that unless the convention approves the recommendations on federal assistance, the hospitals may lose quality or become insolvent. A consequence of that would be withdrawal from the convention, which the committee and hospital officials said they hope to avoid.

The report noted that the government pays for services in two ways. One is a cost formula, which covers only what the government calls "allowable costs" for federal patients and makes little allowance for capital costs, such as new equipment, modernization of facilities, expansion, start-up costs for new services or mortgage payments.

The other method of payment—grants and low interest loans, which Texas Baptist institutions may not

now accept—is designed to help pay for these capital costs.

With 30-40 per cent of their patients under Medicare, Medicaid or some other federally mandated programs, the report said, "Texas Baptist hospitals are incurring added capital cost to service government patients without government participation in these costs."

"To receive less than full payment for patient services is to subsidize the federal government," the report said.

The recommendation concerning release from convention control stipulates that before any institution is released, appropriate convention officials be authorized to negotiate a contract "to conduct chaplaincy programs, education and other such activities that the convention from time to time may desire to sponsor."

Addition of non-Baptist trustees, not now allowed under convention policy, would be limited to one-fourth of the trustees on the board of a given hospital. It would require a constitutional change which must pass two annual convention sessions before taking effect.

The special study committee was formed at the request of the Texas Baptist Human Welfare Commission.

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Louis in which the denomination reaffirmed its belief in the adequacy of the First Amendment to protect religious liberty.

"A new amendment to the Constitution on the subject of religious liberty could seriously alter church-state relations," Bates said.

W. Hubert Porter, associate general secretary of the American Baptist Convention, in a letter to Rep. Celler urged him to do everything in his power "to defeat all efforts to weaken or evade the First Amendment."

"Crusaders for an amendment to cut the heart out of the First Amendment by making constitutional the legislation of religion can make their case sound deeply religious and superbly patriotic," Porter said in a letter entered by Celler into the July 27 issue of the Congressional Record, the official daily journal of Congress.

"They at times make it appear that the steadfast friends of the First Amendment are against God, country, and motherhood, but such an impression is a deception and a delusion," Porter charged.

"The truest friends of religion and the most constructive citizens of the state are those who support those First Amendment guarantees that have made possible in the United States of America a fuller measure of religious freedom than was previously known in the world," declared the ABC executive.

Other top Baptist executives opposing approval of the prayer amendment included S. S. Hodges of Washington, D. C., executive secretary of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.; G. K. Zimmerman of Forest Park, Ill., the executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference; and Warren R. Magnuson, general secretary of the Baptist General Conference, Evansville, Ind.

The acting executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, John W. Baker, explained that the proposed amendment to the Constitution "could circumscribe" the First Amendment in ways that would alter its meaning. It "creates ambiguities which do more harm than good for people and institutions," he said.

Baker, a political scientist, explained that the proposal raises several questions: "Does it mean that only nondenominational prayers could be prayed in a denominational or public institution which receives public funds? Who decides for an institution what is a lawful assembly? What problems are raised by the 'right of persons lawfully assembled'? Do others have the same rights? Who determines the content for a nondenominational prayer in a school — The school board, the superintendent, the principal, the teacher? If so, such a prayer becomes a government prescribed prayer," he said.

The Progressive Baptist executive, S. S. Hodges, agreed that a prayer amendment "could obscure the clear statement of the First Amendment and afford an opportunity for courts in the future to interpret the First Amendment differently."

Both Zimmerman and Magnuson voiced support for the Supreme Court decisions and their belief that no additional amendment pertaining to religious liberty is needed.

The Supreme Court decision against an "official" prayer "does not hinder individuals from praying or giving other expression of their faith," Zimmerman argued.

"Furthermore, we do not believe

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names flags, came forward at the evangelist's call for decisions to Christ, in an apparent move to disrupt the program.

As police and counselors sought to ease them out, Mr. Graham said, "Don't disturb them, welcome them, love them. Let God handle them..."

The youths silently pulled down the flags as the program proceeded and left.

Responding to questions concerning his personal peace efforts in Southeast Asia, the evangelist told a newsman that he had made "several trips to Southeast Asia on his own in the past two years."

Mr. Graham also noted that during the Oakland Crusade, a group of clergymen from South Vietnam had come here to confer with him on peace efforts. The evangelist did not give details.

Unique VBS Program Is Scheduled

Union Baptist Church, Route 4, Brookhaven, has scheduled an unusual department for its Vacation Bible School which is set to begin on August 9.

The unusual feature is a class for adults, which will be taught each evening from 6:30 to 8:30 by the pastor. The program for youth will be at the regular time each morning.

The pastor of Union church is T. W. Smith.

that the court eliminated God from our public life. It simply stated that the establishment of religion has a tendency to destroy government and to degrade religion," Zimmerman declared.

The American Baptist executive, in his letter to Rep. Celler, noted that "it is understandable that many good people are tempted to yield to the idea that the church 'has it made' when Congress puts God's name in the pledge of allegiance or prints his name on postage stamps and engraves it on a coin or perhaps supports a 'Christian amendment.'"

"But such a hope is really deceptive," Porter declared. "The idea of evangelism by legislation is nothing short of a dangerous illusion."

"Moreover," Porter continued, "it is quite clearly impossible for government to legislate religion without violating the rights of many citizens." If government gets into the business of sponsoring devotions on captive audiences, Porter wondered, whose religion will it be?

"Will it be Buddhism in the state of Hawaii? Or Mormonism in the state of Utah? Or a Baptist-oriented Protestantism in the state of Georgia? Or Roman Catholicism in the state of Massachusetts? Or Judaism in New York City?" Porter asked.

He declared that the welfare of religion in a pluralistic society "must lean heavily upon a strict interpretation of the First Amendment."

Another staff member of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Af-

fairs, James M. Sapp, said he believed that "once the American people gain an understanding of the difference between true voluntary prayer on the part of an individual or group, and official, prescribed prayers, they will reject the idea of government assistance to engage in prayer or religious exercises."

"The need for government assistance for a person to pray is unthinkable," Sapp argued.

"Prayer, as we understand it, is not prayer unless it is voluntary," he continued. "Such voluntarism denies to government the power to control the time, place or content of prayer... and government should never be given the authority 'to permit' or 'not to permit' prayer in the true meaning of the word," Sapp said.

He noted that the Supreme Court had not, "and indeed could not," rule against voluntary prayer where the individual has direct access to God."

"What the Supreme Court did," Sapp pointed out, "was to deny state authorities the power to organize and promote religious exercises."

"In the light of our best insights into the biblical basis for voluntarism, this seems to be the best hope for religious freedom for all in this country," the Baptist Joint Committee executive said.

Sapp added that he was confident that the majority of Congress would, after thoughtful consideration, "refrain from deliberately injecting a personal, religious issue into the political arena."

Christian Youth Parades Scheduled For Gulf Coast

Massive Jesus Parades of Young People for Christ are scheduled for Gulf Coast area cities on August 7th, and 14th.

The parades are a part of the preparation for the area-wide James Robison Greater Gulf Coast Crusade which is scheduled for Milner Stadium, Gulfport, August 22-29.

Parades will be held in Biloxi and Gulfport on August 7th and in Wiggins and Bay St. Louis on August 14th.

Plans for the three county involvement in the parades were made by the Youth Committee for the Robison Crusade, in a meeting in Gulfport on July 12th. Perry D. Neal, Chairman of that committee, released the announcements concerning the plans.

The Biloxi parade will begin at 9:15 a.m. on August 7th in the residential

district, and later in the morning will move from First Baptist Church, through the business district and along the beach.

The Gulfport parade will be held on Saturday afternoon beginning about 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, and will be followed by a move to Long Beach for a rally at the First Baptist Church and in the business district there.

The Wiggins parade will be on Saturday morning, the 14th, beginning at First Baptist Church, and will be followed by a similar parade on Saturday afternoon in Bay St. Louis, beginning at First Baptist church.

According to Mr. Neal, all Baptist churches of the Gulf Coast area, have been invited to encourage their youth to participate in all of these parades.

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were named under the church program services group.

Included under the central support group were art services department, materials services department, promotional materials department and research services department.

Glorieta Baptist Assembly and Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly were included in the Assembly Division.

Local State Division established official department names as advertising and sales promotion department, campus stores department, central stores department, eastern stores department and western stores department.

Four official department names were designated for Broadman Division: Broadman products department, Broadman consumer sales department, Broadman trade sales department and Broadman marketing services department.

Included under the management Services Division, the trustees established the systems department, Dargan - Carver Library department, administrative services department and the accounting and control department.

'Psalms For Modern Man'

A New Best-Seller

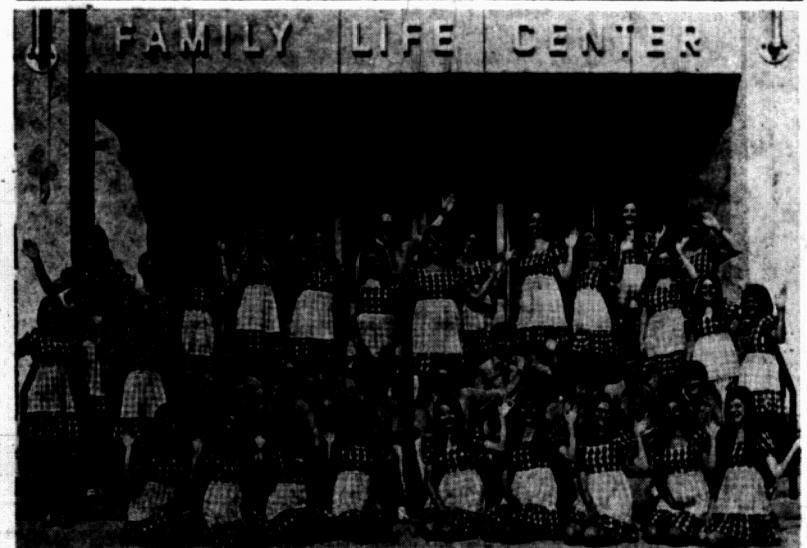
NEW YORK (RNS) — More than 1.5 million copies of "The Psalms for Modern Man" have been distributed since it was released Dec. 1 by the American Bible Society.

Translated from the ancient Hebrew text of the first book of the Old Testament, the new book presents Israel's 150 sacred songs or hymns in "To

Paul Harvey Speaks At Starlite Meet

OKLAHOMA CITY (EP) — News commentator Paul Harvey was the featured speaker July 18 at the closing night of the sixth annual Starlite Crusade sponsored by the First Southern Baptist Church of Del City.

Others included in the speakers' lineup were Aubie McSwain; the sponsoring church's minister of youth—a former show business personality; Rev. Bob Harrington, "Chaplain of Bourbon Street"; and Joe Wylie, all-conference halfback from the University of Oklahoma.



Mississippians To Appear At Glorieta

The youth choir of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, pastor, (shown above) will be among the Mississippians who will be on the program of Home Mission Week at Glorieta Assembly Aug. 5-12. Dan C. Hall, state Baptist music director, will be in charge of the music program for the week. The Mississippi Brass Ensemble composed of twenty selected young musicians will also be featured. Miss Eva Carol Aultman, University, will serve as soloist and work with youth music activities. The choir and brass ensemble are presenting concerts on the way to and from Glorieta in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. The director of both these groups is Aubrey Gaskins, minister of music, Harrisburg, Tupelo, seen in top center of photo.

POAU Leader Hits 'Official' Religion

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (C-SNS) — Dr. Jimmy R. Allen, president of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, today criticized the current effort by some Congressmen to force a proposed constitutional amendment to change the religion clause of the First Amendment out of the House Judiciary Committee.

Allen characterized the discharge petition movement as a "dangerous assault on the liberties of all citizens" and a "tampering with the religious freedom guarantees of the Constitution." He warned that trying to "officialize" religion is "a dangerous game" and urged Congressmen who have mistakenly signed the discharge petition to remove their names in the interest of safeguarding religious liberty.

Americans United is a 24-year-old, 100,000 member organization, dedicated exclusively to defending religious liberty and church-state separation. Dr. Allen issued the following statement in San Antonio, Texas, where he is pastor of First Baptist Church and president of the Baptist Convention of Texas.

"The current campaign to bulldoze the U. S. House of Representatives into tampering with the religious freedom guarantees of the Constitution is a dangerous assault on the liberties

of all citizens. Americans United and its 100,000 members, most of whom are dedicated church members, are strongly opposed to the attempt to force a vote in the House on the proposed constitutional amendment to permit 'nondenominational' prayer in public buildings.

"Both Houses of Congress have examined such proposals in recent years and found them either meaningless gestures or dangerous restrictions on religious freedom. The Supreme Court, in protecting children from imposed or mandated religious observances, has made it clear that students and adults have always had the right to pray voluntarily in school or anywhere else. The nation's most eminent lawyers and religious leaders have told Congress that no 'prayer amendment' is needed to safeguard anyone's rights.

"The right to pray is presently quite safe. There are no restrictions anywhere on voluntary prayer. This being so, the promoters of a 'prayer amendment' evidently are seeking to pave the way for some sort of official prayer or religious observance. Surely a watered-down 'nondenominational' prayer, whatever that might be, must be meaningless or either offensive or blasphemous, and certainly not pleasing in the sight

of either God or man.

"Further, the proposed amendment even purports to restrict prayer in public places to 'nondenominational' prayer. How could any American tolerate for a moment a government edict that his prayers in certain places must be 'nondenominational'? The promoters of this proposed amendment certainly cannot be friends either of genuine prayer or of religious liberty.

"Since the God-given right to pray is already secure, the proposed prayer amendment can only serve those who, using the mask of 'voluntary nondenominational prayer,' would impose sectarian practices on children and other citizens, assembled under compulsion, as under the school attendance laws. This would result inevitably in intercreedal strife and pave the way for all sorts of violations of the religious liberty of all citizens.

"Prayer and the right to pray must be beyond the power of government or politicians to either promote or hinder. Tampering with our Constitution's sacred principle of separation of church and state is a dangerous game. The best thing that government can do for religion is to let it alone. Religion has grown and thrived in America precisely because we have

kept church and state separate. Religion has sunk to its lowest ebb in lands where government has sought to promote, sponsor, or meddle with it. 'Officializing' religion can only harm it.

"Americans who pray and who know what prayer is all about need no change in the Constitution to aid them. We call upon Congressmen who have mistakenly signed the discharge petition to withdraw their names in the interest of protecting religious liberty."

Baptist Ministry At Naval Academy

By R. G. Puckett

The current U. S. District Court case concerning compulsory chapel attendance is but one of the problems facing the Baptist outreach at the U. S. Naval Academy, but the work goes on in Annapolis with surprising success.

The ministry to the Midshipmen is unique in several ways. Denominational groups are not recognized campus organizations, consequently the work is largely carried on without group gatherings. Time restriction is another problem. The rigorous schedule of the academy allows only two afternoons of freedom each week and Sunday morning. Also, while worship attendance is required, the "mids" (not "cadets") may elect to attend a local church and one church of each denomination is so designated. This role has been filled since 1904 by the College Avenue Baptist Church.

Due to the lack of campus recognition, one major problem is that of discovering the Baptist students. Therefore, parents and pastors are urged to contact the church with names and campus addresses of incoming midshipmen. Such information should be addressed to: Dr. David P. Haney or Dick Bumpass, 87 College Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland, 21401.

Father Of Mrs. Anne McWilliams Dies

Emmett Washburn, father of Mrs. Anne McWilliams, editorial associate for the Baptist Record, died Sunday in a Lafayette, Ala. hospital after a brief illness. Funeral services were held at County Line Baptist Church in Lafayette, Monday at 3 p.m.

State Man Confers With SBC Leader

At the recent meeting of the SBC Stewardship Commission in Oklahoma City, James V. Lackey, executive director-treasurer of the Commission, (right) and W. R. Roberts, Mississippi Baptist Convention, Jackson, look over a copy of the recommendations adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis. One of the recommendations encourages every church to conduct a budget subscription program this fall using the Stewardship Commission's materials and theme "Committed to Give... As God Has Given." Each Stewardship Commission member pledged support to his state stewardship secretary in encouraging all churches to carry out these recommendations. Roberts was elected vice-chairman of the Stewardship Commission.

State Baptists On Glorieta Staff

GLORIETA, N. M. — Three Mississippi Baptists are employed for the second session on the summer staff at Glorieta Baptist Assembly this year.

They are Emily Jo Rollins, Centerville; Linda Siquelfield, Jackson; and Diane Smith, Jackson.

Work assignments at the assembly include office work, conference room maintenance, dining hall, guest accommodation and other services needed during the season.

Glorieta Baptist Assembly is located on a 2,500-acre mountain site 18 miles east of Santa Fe, N. M.

A 13-week summer program for Southern Baptists emphasizes church conferences, youth activities, mission studies and leadership training sessions.

The assembly is owned and operated by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

Air Academy Gives Option To Cadets

COLORADO SPRINGS (RNS) — All cadets at the Air Force Academy will be allowed to attend churches of their choice and no longer be required to attend Cadet Chapel services.

A new ruling alleviates the long-standing controversy over compulsory chapel attendance at the academy.

Lt. Gen. Albert P. Clark, academy superintendent, said cadet attendance at any church will fulfill the chapel attendance obligation.

Study of Ministry Set By New Zealand Council

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (RNS) — The first full-scale study of the ministry of the Churches in New Zealand will begin in Auckland soon, the National Council of Churches reports.

Aided by a grant from the Council, Dr. A. C. Webster of Massey University, and the Rev. David S. Mullan will conduct research covering hundreds of clergy of all major denominations.

Prayer Amendment Revived In Congress

By Beth Hayworth

WASHINGTON (BP) — Efforts to adopt a constitutional prayer amendment, much like the proverbial "cat with nine lives," is experiencing another revival in Congress.

This time observers in and out of Congress, including those who support and oppose the movement, see the prayer amendment as a live issue.

In the House of Representatives, where the powerful House Judiciary Committee has succeeded in stopping the movement in the past, a "discharge petition" to bypass the committee and get a resolution on the prayer amendment to the House floor is gaining momentum. Emanuel Celler (D., N. Y.) is chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

The discharge petition, to date signed by 180 Congressmen, was started by Rep. Chalmers F. Wylie (R. Ohio). The petition needs 218 signers to bring Wylie's resolution past the Judiciary Committee to the House floor for a vote.

Wylie's resolution on a prayer amendment is the same as the Dirksen Amendment which was gaining in popularity prior to the death of Sen. Everett Dirksen (R., Ill.) during the previous session of Congress. It reads:

"Nothing contained in this Constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled, in any public place, or in part through the expenditure of public funds, to participate in nondenominational prayer."

The resolution, if it passes the House and Senate, would have to be ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states within seven years for it to become an amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, made up of representatives from eight Baptist denominations in the United States, has warned repeatedly against any effort to change the meaning of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

A number of Baptist conventions, including the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Convention have passed resolutions affirming their support for the concepts and the vocabulary of the First

Amendment and appealing to the Congress to let the First Amendment stand as it is "as our guarantee of religious liberty."

John W. Baker, the acting executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee, warned that any new constitutional amendment dealing with religious activity could "circumvent the First Amendment freedoms."

Specifically, Baker said that such an amendment could "alter existing church-state relations, and lead to a series of cases affecting such sensitive areas as aid to religious education, taxation of church property and forms of religious worship."

The revival of the prayer amendment in the House of Representatives is credited mainly to the zeal of an attractive young mother, Mrs. Ben Ruhlin, from Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

At the present time Mrs. Ruhlin and a group of 35 are lobbying in Congress for additional members to sign the discharge petition. Mrs. Ruhlin, from Rep. Wylie's home district, is operating out of the Congressman's office on Capitol Hill.

Mrs. Ruhlin, in an interview with Baptist Press, identified a number of local and state groups which are putting the pressure on their Congressmen to sign the discharge petition. Among the groups she named are veterans and American Legion groups, the Retired Teachers Association, the Back to God Movement, Citizens National Parents for Prayer,

the National Association of Republican Women, the National Grange, and the National Association of Evangelicals. Also, Mrs. Ruhlin said that "teachers, Jaycees and letter carriers" are involved in the movement in each state.

One Congressman who is a direct object of the lobbyists' efforts is Rep. Fred Schwengel (R., Iowa). Schwengel, who describes himself as a "devout Christian Baptist," is a lay leader in the North American Baptist General Conference and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church here.

Schwengel told Baptist Press that when he was approached by one of the lobbyists, he related his convictions on the adequacy of the First Amendment to protect the religious freedom of all citizens. When he finished giving his side of the issue, the lobbyist, Mrs. Virginia Pruitt, a Baptist lay worker from Washington, D. C. said, "Well, it looks like I am campaigning for the wrong side."

Mrs. Pruitt, also a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in the nation's capital, told Baptist Press that she felt "she had been misinformed about the need for a prayer amendment... and that she had not really understood the Supreme Court decisions handed down in 1962 and 1963."

"I think a lot of Baptists are as ill informed as I was," Mrs. Pruitt said. "I am not going back to work with that group on Capitol Hill," she declared.

prayer campaign committee.

Tom Lester Day Planned At State Coliseum

A concerted effort on the part of churches in the greater Jackson area and throughout Mississippi is planned for Tom Lester, a Mississippi boy who has "done well" in Hollywood.

Better known as "Eb" from the Green Acres T.V. Show, Tom is a vibrant Christian with a witness to everyone. He is a native of Laurel, Mississippi and has been in Hollywood for over six years and has maintained his position as a tremendous Baptist layman in whatever crowd he finds himself.

James Winstead, a local businessman and friend of Tom Lester, got together with several Baptist, Methodist, and Catholic leaders and had a pilot meeting which led to the big kick-off breakfast held this past Saturday in Jackson.

Plans were made, committees formed, and everybody went into action for the "Big Tom Lester Day Rally" which is to be held in the Mississippi Coliseum on August 26th. at 8 P.M.

Chris McClamrock, a vibrant Christian and former Miss-Mississippi of 1970-71, along with many other guests will appear as guests of Mr. Lester. Many people are expected from all of the state and bordering states. Bus loads of young people are expected from distant points throughout the state who will come help Tom celebrate his "Wonderful Lord."

On the Saturday preceding the Tom Lester Rally at the coliseum, a "March of Life" is scheduled down Capitol street stopping at City Hall and ending at the New State Capitol. At both stops, a proclamation will be given to the group proclaiming Thursday, August 26th., 1971 as "Tom Lester Day." The March of Life is designed for two purposes: One, to call attention to the high increase in illegal drugs and narcotics coupled with attention on the new spiritual interest of young people throughout America and secondly, to call attention to the "Tom Lester Rally" to be held in the coliseum on Thursday, August 26th., at 8 P.M.

The March of Life will begin at the new City Auditorium at 2 P.M. and everyone is invited, regardless of age.



Blue Mountain's Ludlow Family gather for the favorite story time in their home near the Blue Mountain College campus. Left to right: David, G. Edward Ludlow, father and husband; Roberta Ludlow, mother and wife; and Mark. Mr. Ludlow is assistant professor of organ and church music in the Division of Fine Arts, at BMC. Mrs. Ludlow serves as assistant in the Fine Arts Division of the Guyton Library. The sons have received their earliest school training at the college nursery school operated by the Child Development section of the Home Economics Department. A feature story concerning the Ludlows was recently published in the Miami newspapers. (They are former Floridians.)

Mississippi Baptist Student Union

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University of Southern Miss.	211.05	Southwest Junior College	100.00
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Gulf Coast District	109.91	Personal Gift	25.00
Leadership Training Conf.	183.77	Northwest Junior College	40.00
Mississippi College	3,010.00	East Miss. Junior College	100.00
Holmes Junior College	100.00	Blue Mountain College	635.00
Mississippi State	2,500.00	TOTAL	\$12,158.59

Baptist college students of Mississippi contributed \$12,158.59 to send twenty-two students to serve as summer missionaries in mission areas all over the world.

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EDITORIAL

Does Your Church Need This Protection?

One of the finest provisions being made for employees by most modern business and manufacturing firms is lost cost group insurance for employees. Millions of families have extra protection at a time when they need it most, simply because insurance companies and business leaders have worked out a plan to provide added insurance protection for groups.

Until less than two years ago such protection was not available to Southern Baptist churches and their employees, since few of them had enough employees to qualify for such a plan. It was then that the Southern Baptist Annuity Board developed a plan placing all church employees in a group, making them eligible for such coverage. The Board offered such a plan and thousands of churches took advantage of it for their employees. Now a new enrollment period has opened, and applicants have until August 31 to apply for the coverage.

While the policies are written to provide protection for all the persons in a group of employees as individuals, the church is protected as well. One can easily imagine the responsibility a church will feel if its pastor or some other employee suddenly dies, and his family does not have adequate protection. The church cannot just turn them away to get along the best they can. As Christians, the church will recognize and fulfill its obligation to help those in need. Through the group insurance plan the church, at a very low cost,

provides itself, and the employees, with protection, before the crisis time comes. That is why this protection can be purchased only by churches.

John D. Bloskas, public relations representative for the Annuity Board writes concerning the new enrollment:

"The Annuity Board has again opened the Group Insurance Program to new members. The Program, underwritten by Aetna Life and Casualty, provides life insurance, dependent life and long term disability protection.

"Although there are 23,430 Southern Baptists who have the life coverage, thousands of others could have it if their churches would provide it for them. A church never knows when such protection is needed. Since the Program started in October, 1969, numerous churches have experienced the loss of a minister or employee who was protected. To date, the Program has paid claims amounting to \$1,938,000 on the lives of 151 persons. (That is nearly \$13,000 per person — Ed.) Their churches have seen how the benefits they provided help families stay together and remain financially independent.

"In addition, 42 disability claims totaling \$15,364 are being paid each month to members who have become disabled.

"Without the Group Insurance Program, each death or disability could have strained severely the budgets of each church involved. The claims paid in such a short time represent a lot of money. But, as Annuity Board officials

say, 'This is what our Group Insurance Program has been designed to do. We want to see that wives and children do not become dependent on others for food and housing when the father dies. And, if he becomes disabled, we want to make sure that he and his family have a livable income through our disability program. We know, through our Program, the church can provide the coverage at a cost which is far less than what it would be if the church had to take care of the family.'

"The Annuity Board believes the Group Insurance Program is the best coverage to be found anywhere for the price. The Board encourages the church to shop around, compare prices and benefits.

"Applications are being received now through August 31. The coverage of those approved will go into effect on October 1. If your church wants information about the Group Insurance Program, write Insurance Services, Annuity Board, SBC, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, Texas 75201."

Each church in Mississippi should seriously consider having such coverage for its employees. Churches should not be less concerned about their employees, than corporations and companies are about theirs. Some Mississippi churches have been among those who already have benefited from this plan, for they had provided this protection for their pastor, who already is gone. The time to give your pastor and other workers the same protection is short since this enrollment period closes in less than 30 days.

W. R. Roberts, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, 39205 (Phone 366-8222) is the Annuity Board representative for Mississippi. He will be glad to assist any church in arranging for this coverage.

Church Bus Evangelism

Something new and exciting is happening in the field of Sunday school work and evangelism. It is called "Church Bus Evangelism", and while evidently largely developed by some of the independent churches, now is catching fire among Southern Baptists, and has become an important part of the work of both the Sunday School Board and the Home Mission Board. While many Southern Baptist churches long have owned and used buses, this is a new development which greatly enlarges and expands the bus program.

In a booklet on the plan just issued by the Home Mission Board, the results of the program in many churches are given. They are absolutely amazing. Here are just a few of the many examples given: A rural church in Tennessee built its Sunday school from 30

De Moines, Iowa, grew from 33 people present in May 1970 to over 300 in attendance a year later. A new church was started in Phoenix, Arizona, with 52 people present on its first Sunday service in January 1969. Eleven bus routes were set up, and on their first anniversary 1,436 persons were present. A church in Birmingham had been averaging 950 in Sunday school for years. They set up a bus program with five bus routes in January, 1971 and by April their attendance was running around 1,800. A church in Decatur, Ga., had been averaging 250 in Sunday school, but with buses built their attendance in three years to 1,400. They baptized 500 people in 1970. These are only a few of many examples given.

The basis of the program is that bus routes with dedicated teams of drivers and visitors are set up to enlist and bring to the church people who are not in Sunday school and church. Under the influence of the teaching of the Bible many of them are won to Christ.

This is not an easy program, but it is

a most effective one. It apparently is working in almost any kind of church, large or small, and rural or urban. It does not seek to attract people away from other churches, but rather to reach the masses who are not attending any church. The mere buying of some new buses will not get the job done. Teams of dedicated workers must be enlisted and trained to use the new equipment. When this is done the results can be phenomenal.

Several clinics on this program are being scheduled in the months just ahead. A state wide meeting for Mississippi has been scheduled by the Sunday School Department of the Convention Board. It will be held at Calvary Church, Jackson, on September 30. Full details on this meeting will be presented in the Record later.

The Home Mission Board is also planning clinics. There will be one in Tallahassee, Florida on August 30-September 1, and another in Fort Worth, Texas, on September 6-8. Announcement concerning these will be given in an advertisement in the Record in mid-August.

The Sunday School Board of the SBC has scheduled a special conference on reaching children through bus evangelism, to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, September 23-24.

We hope that many of the churches in our state will become interested in this new program, and that many pastors and leaders will be sent to these clinics.

The use of this program, along with the training of personal witnessing through the new WIN evangelism plan, and the special emphasis which Mississippi will be giving to Sunday school enlargement and evangelism in 1972 and 1973, should bring thrilling evangelistic advance in this state and throughout the Southern Baptist Convention in the years just ahead.

tor's wife who lives in South Carolina. Here is material which is poetic in its expression, and heart searching in its content. The book is built around the experiences of Jesus with Mary and Martha, and was written as a result of the author's loss of a very dear friend.

SIMPLE SERMONS ON EVANGELISTIC THEMES by W. Harschel Ford (Zondervan, 128 pp. \$2.95) Dr. W. Harschel Ford, widely known Southern Baptist preacher, probably is better known for his simple sermon series than for any other of his many accomplishments. This is the thirty-second volume in the series and each volume has contained fresh, simple messages on scriptural truths. Each sermon in this particular book is on some great subject related to evangelism. The texts are the familiar texts used so often in revivals.

THE GOLDEN CORE OF RELIGION by Alexander Schuch (Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, 271 pp. \$6.95) The author suggests that the golden core of the Christian religion is the devoted care which it gives to people

A Trip To Peking

President Nixon has electrified the world with his announcement of a scheduled trip to Peking to hold a conference with the leader of Red China.

Americans are divided about the proposed trip, with some applauding and others condemning. Others are maintaining a wait and see attitude, but are breathing a prayer that something worth while for world peace can be accomplished by the trip.

Perhaps it is wise to hold to the latter attitude, and simply pray for our president, since we are sure that he has information that none of the rest of us have, and may be able to see possibilities which we cannot see.

Nevertheless, most of us are all too familiar with the "bamboo curtain" around the people of China, with the continued daily efforts of escape by many of the people. We also know all too well what has happened to Christianity in China, with missionaries driven out, churches and church institutions closed, Christian leaders imprisoned or murdered, Bibles burned, and Christian worship and witness forbidden. The curtain has not hidden those facts from the world.

So, even as we assure President Nixon of our prayers for the success of his efforts for world peace, we would plead with him to include in the discussion a change of attitude on the part of the Chinese government toward Christianity and religious and other freedoms for the people. These are pertinent issues to world peace, and there can be no real peace until people are free.

and things. The author deals not simply with Christianity, but with religion of all types. This is not a Christian book, but rather a book on religions and the contribution which they have made to the world.

THE OTHER REVOLUTION compiled by Juan M. Isais (Word, 163 pp., \$3.95) In 1965 and 1966 there was a Revolution in the Dominican Republic. At the same time however, and in the years which followed another Revolution took place, a spiritual one. This is the story, written by many of the participants of how that Revolution covered the nation. It is a revealing record of the meaning of evangelism in depth.

STUDIES IN PROBLEM TEXTS by J. Sidlow Baxter (Zondervan, 192 pp., \$1.95) A paperback book reprint of a book which first appeared in 1960. Dr. Baxter is a widely known Australian preacher whose ministry of the Word has extended to all parts of the United States and Canada, as well as other countries. In this volume he discusses twelve of the problem texts of



THE CONDITION FOR NATIONAL HEALTH

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Replies To Mr. Headrick

Dear Mr. Headrick,

I have read your letter in the BR for July 29. Please read Acts 5:34-40a.

"Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space; And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men. For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought.

After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away many people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.

AND NOW I SAY UNTO YOU, REFRAIN FROM THESE MEN, AND LET THEM ALONE: FOR IF THIS COUNSEL OR THIS WORK BE OF MEN, IT WILL COME TO NAUGHT.

BUT IF IT BE OF GOD, YE CANNOT OVERTHROW IT: LEST HAPLY YE BE FOUND EVEN TO FIGHT AGAINST GOD. And to him they agreed."

God said it; I did not. And who knows the mind of God, except he be God?

Albert C. McLand
Petal, Miss.

Dogmatism And Truth

Dear Sir:

Reference the letter from Mr. Brooks Hays in the July 15th Record and his evident dislike for the literalistic opinions of his conservative brethren. He raises hands in horror, as do most liberals, at the word dogmatic. Well, John 14:6, just for example, is dogmatic. May I add that ALL truth is dogmatic — it has to be: for example 2 plus 2 is always 4. I'll be the first to admit that being dogmatic doesn't make it the truth, but that doesn't affect the case at all.

Outstanding, so called, scholars may do their worse in the name of professionalism or whatever but an attack on the great DOGMATIC truths of the Bible is an attempt to undermine the bedrock of Christianity itself. Surely Mr. Hays can see that even thru "liberal tinted" glasses.

Sincerely,
William L. Lawhorn
Oxford, Miss.

Wants Prayer In Schools

Dear Editor of the Baptist Record:

I am just a country girl but I would like to see prayer put back in our schools. I don't know how to go about it. All I know is that there is a lot of children that never hear God's name called at home and don't go to church, but do go to school.

I get the Baptist Record every week. Thought maybe you might get something started.

Name Withheld by request.

the Bible that is texts which create problems for expositors. Among the subjects discussed are the unpardonable sin, the suicide of Judas, the sons of God in Genesis 6, the rock which followed in I Corinthians 10 and others.



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Things I'm Glad My Parents Gave Me

Sometimes when I wish we could give our boys more things, or should give them more things, I think about a list I made a long time ago before we even had our children. It is called "Things I'm Glad My Parents Gave Me." Strangely enough it does not contain a single thing money buys. Here they are.

First, nurture in a Christian atmosphere until I became old enough to accept Christ. I am, according to family tradition, supposed to have asked when I was about four why we didn't just sleep at the church, too, we were there so often.

Second, teaching to choose friends of good character, while respecting all human life, even if it were distasteful. It was not easy then for me to understand always why some places and people were not allowed. I understand now. Yet, I was never taught to look down on anyone.

Third, respect for authority. It did not matter whether I particularly like the symbol or representative of authority or not, but I was taught to respect authority.

Fourth, instruction and insistence, that a girl is to grow up to be a lady. The standards of Christian womanhood are high and

Fifth, a desire to train and equip myself for a livelihood and for service. College was not easy for us to achieve financially, but we made it.

Sixth, the conviction that right is better than wrong even though wrong may bring in more money. This has made honesty easier for me.

Seventh, respect for the principle of stewardship. By parental example I learned to tithe. By parental support of the lively stewardship program of our church I was constantly taught the principle of total stewardship.

Eighth, a sense that God has first claim on my life. All the times James and I have followed God's will for our lives, they have helped us feel free and joyous in doing it.

When I consider how lasting these gifts have been for me, the desire to give things money buys sort of pales.

Address: Box 9151, Jackson, Miss. 39206.

... she heard a speaker characterizing two kinds of people: those who wake up in the morning with an irreverent "Good God, morning!" and those who, on waking, whisper, "Good morning, God!" — Martha Nelson in *The Christian Woman in the Working World*, a Broadman book

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NEWEST BOOKS

SEVEN WAYS I CAN BETTER SERVE THE LORD by James Robison (Broadman, 128 pp. \$3.50) James Robison is one of the young men whom God is using so effectively in the rise of evangelism in this present moment. Great revivals have resulted from his ministry with thousands saved and other thousands rededicated to the Lord. No young man in our midst is drawing larger crowds today, or receiving more invitations. In this book he has chosen seven of his messages. Here one finds the new birth, filling with the spirit, prayer and Bible study, witnessing, church attendance and service. The messages are spoken from the heart of the young preacher, are filled with personal experiences, and present a challenge which will be felt by both young and old. Without question God is using this young man in an effective way today. The book reveals the message he is bringing to great audiences everywhere.

THIS COSTLY FRAGRANCE by Margery Goldsack Ward, (Broadman, 96 pp. \$2.50) Devotional and inspirational material written by a fine pas-

Baptists Learn How It Feels To Be Beggar

By James Lee Young

SAN FRANCISCO (BP) — Thirty Baptist pastors, laymen, missionaries and students from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary near here found out personally how it feels to beg for food, and see a person pass by as if you weren't there.

The 30 participants in the Institute of Urban Studies sponsored by the seminary were dropped on the streets of San Francisco without money and asked to obtain food and transportation any way they could.

It was probably the most "devastating" experience of the institute, according to Francis M. DuBose, director of the institute and professor at Golden Gate Seminary in nearby Mill Valley, Calif., and George A. Torney III, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in San Francisco.

The institute offered a variety of learning experiences in an effort to communicate what is happening in America's cities and how the church can minister to the needs of people living in urban centers.

Institute participants encountered leaders in the black and Mexican-American struggles on their own home turf, participated in "rap" sessions on urban life with experts in the field, worshipped in widely divergent churches seeking to reach urbanites, and toured trouble points in the city where the needs are overwhelming.

One of the participants, Joseph C. Strother, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in San Bernardino, Calif., described the impact of being a "beggar" during the institute.

"As I walked down Market Street in old clothes, unshaven and broke, I looked the people over," he said. "All my pride, personality and previous conditioning were pulling me back as I approached the first person and asked, 'Excuse me, will you share a quarter to help me get a meal?'"

"The man went on by as if I didn't exist, just as I have done a thousand times," Strother said.

As he walked around the city, Strother met a man named Bob who had just been discharged from the Merchant Marines. "He was drinking and had no money, so I tried to give him something—the encouragement to trust Jesus Christ, the only person who would not let either of us down," he added.

"In the park at Union Square, there was a lot of people begging—a few for money but most of them for attention and love. It saddened me to sit on benches next to retired, elderly men all dressed up in their blue suits, white shirts and outdated ties, with no place to go and no one who cares about them."

"As I ambled out of Union Square," Strother continued, "I overheard a familiar quotation: 'Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have I give thee.' Turning quickly, I watched a man extend a wine bottle to his brother."

After beginning for his supper, Strother collected about \$2.50. "Fortunately some people did care," he said.

Walking into a dingy cafe, he bought a 99 cent chicken dinner. "The waitress grumbled about having to work there," he observed. "A young but tired-looking brunette walked out with \$7.00 she had won playing the pinball machine. Upon leaving, a young blonde in the corner asked me crisply, 'Do you want a date?'"

The experience of being a beggar was not the only personal encounter with people of the city during the institute.

An art teacher from San Jose, Calif., Bob Mestemacher, staged an experiment with the pastor of a Bay area Baptist church that, according to Torney, "really caused some of the people in our group to think."

Unshaven and dirty-looking, Mestemacher sat on the steps of the church as members entered for the Sunday evening service. In his hand he held a brown paper bag that looked like it might contain a bottle of wine. Actually, inside the bag was a Bible.

No one asked his name as he sat on the church steps. Indeed, few took notice that he was there, but passed him by sitting on the steps. Later, he slipped into the church and sat down on the back pew.

After a few introductory remarks by the pastor, the service was opened to anyone who wanted to speak.

Mestemacher stood up, identified himself and talked about whether or not the church was really meeting needs, or "whether we were just trying to get numbers and people into the church."

The pastor later said that at the moment Mestemacher stood, the reaction seemed to be, "Oh, my goodness, how did this guy get in here?"

There were other experiences aimed at allowing the participants to get the feel of the needs of the city. The group took in a drama session at "The Intersection" where the use of four-letter words offended some, but painted a clearer picture of the city and its grim harshness.

Mestemacher was one of those offended by the use of four-letter words in the drama. Later he told the group, "You know, I really don't un-

derstand myself. Here I can get so upset over a four-letter word and look at a ghetto and feel nothing."

Participants in the institute agreed, however, that they often for the first time felt deeply about the needs of the city.

"Nothing could make you more aware of what it is like to be without hope than to wear old clothes and see yourself melt into the crowd of hope-

lessness in a matter of a few minutes," Mestemacher said. He called it an experience of "the living dead."

John Click, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Wichita, Kan., said he found himself "feeling the frustrations of Mrs. Rogers at WAPAC (Western Addition People's Action Community), a black group... as she waged a lonely battle against en-

tranced power structures in the city.

"I felt her powerlessness," Click continued. "If I had been in her place, I wonder how long I would have remained off the streets and refrained from violent demonstrations."

DuBose and Torney said they felt the institute, co-sponsored by the seminary and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, has far-reaching possibilities for methodology in theological training.

It means less lecturing and more getting into the middle of what's happening, DuBose said. "If we don't have this dimension, then we're going to miss something very vital and basic... if seminary training is to be meaningful," he said.

The emphasis was on less lecturing and more encounter. Participants played a simulated game building an entire city on paper, and the players discovered some startling facts about themselves, Torney said. "We found we messed up the city worse than the politicians."

The group also visited the Mission Coalition Organization where a political force of Anglo, Mexican-American, Oriental, and black groups works for the Mission District in the corridors of city government.

They saw a multi-media view of San Francisco which Torney prepared "not for tourists but for missionaries." They also visited the Christian World Liberation Front at the University of California in Berkeley and toured the North Beach area where barkers and hustlers vie for paying customers at nudie shows.

They engaged in dialogue with the author of Black Rage, Price Cobbs, a psychiatrist at the University of California. Other resource personnel included Robert Lee, professor at San Francisco Theological Seminary and author of Cities and Churches, and Mr. Wendell Belew, director of the Missions for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Impact of the overall experience was expressed by Golden Gate student William H. Smith of Owensboro, Ky., who said that for the first time he felt he really was being prepared "for the job of ministry I want to do."



IN WHOSE IMAGE?

NAKURU, Kenya. Wood carvers making animals and men. A villager in Africa can carve an animal for the tourist trade. Or the figure of a man. Or an idol. But the villager can only begin to live—really—when someone tells him about God, in whose image he himself is made.



Groundbreaking Held For Highland, Vicksburg

Above photo shows groundbreaking for the new sanctuary of Highland Baptist Church at 3518 Halls Ferry Road. The ceremony was held Sunday, July 11. The new sanctuary is pictured in the architect's rendering below. In the groundbreaking photo are members of the building committee, from left, Rev. Bobby Thompson, pastor, Robert Hill, R. A. West, Dwain Cotton, Mrs. Edgar Garrett, Mrs. Burton Trimble, Warren Walker, chairman. W. T. Walker Construction has a \$217,000 contract for the building, Ed Schaeffer is architect. Construction will start immediately.

Oxfam Asks Women For Saris

Oxfam (Oxford Committee for Famine Relief) is appealing to women's organizations in Britain to provide saris for Pakistani refugee women in India, according to the Baptist Times.

Hundreds of these women have arrived in Bengal with only one sari each. After the journey, and with the mud-spattering monsoon rains these often become soiled or damaged.

"This is a great offense to their dignity, as well as being insufficient to keep them warm enough," the Baptist Times article said. "Many are having to wash out their only sari and put it on again while it is still wet."

A sari costs 30p. (British currency). The appeal is for money—not for gifts of saris, as the cost of freightage on these would be too high. (EBPS)

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Science Conference at MC

Science and mathematics professors from all over the state visited Mississippi College over the week-end to attend a special conference on Guidelines for Teacher Training Programs in Science and Mathematics. Getting acquainted during one of the breaks are, from the left, Dr. Wendell Deer, chairman of the mathematics department at Mississippi College; Dr. Henry Outlaw of Delta State; and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crawford of Mississippi State University. The conference was sponsored by the State Department of Education, the Mississippi Academy of Science, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. (M.C. Photo by Bill Strange).

Cuba's Caudills Are Retired, But Schedule Doesn't Show It

By Sandra Simmons

ATLANTA (BP) — Herbert Caudill, who for 20 months languished in a Cuban prison, and his wife may be listed as retired missionaries, but their engagement calendar would never show it.

It is as if Caudill is seeking to make up for time lost speaking and preaching while he was imprisoned by the Castro regime in Cuba from April 1965 until November, 1966, when he was conditionally released because of eye problems.

Recent travels have taken the former Cuban missionaries from Virginia to California and from New York to the Panama Canal Zone.

After almost 40 years in Cuba, they now find their services in heavy demand for speaking, counseling, and some trouble shooting for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The eye difficulty which helped secure his release from a Cuban prison has not reoccurred, and his sight remains good in one remaining eye.

Public schools and Spanish speaking churches are the most often booked audiences for the Caudills since they returned to the U. S. A. in February, 1969. He was under "house arrest" in Havana from November, 1966 until early 1969.

Caudill and his son-in-law, David Fite, were arrested on "espionage" and illegal currency exchange charges in April of 1965. The espionage charges were later dropped, but Caudill was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Both were released and returned to the United States in February, 1969.

Since then, the pace of the 68-year-old Caudill has hardly slowed. In Miami the Caudills have spoken in 14 churches and still have not spoken English, even though they speak to both English-speaking and Spanish-speaking groups. They relate their experiences in Cuba including his imprisonment in the Cuban prison.

In schools they speak mostly to government classes concerning the Cuban government. During their speaking engagements they often use a dramatic method where they re-enact Mrs. Caudill's visits with her husband in prison.

L. D. Wood of the mission board's department of language missions, said the reactions to the Caudills has been "nothing but glowing enthusiasm for the message they bring."

During their speaking engagements in the last year and a half, the Caudills have seen more than 3,000 Cubans, about 70 per cent of whom they knew in Cuba.

Mrs. Caudill, a tall, distinguished-looking lady with a gentle face, said that when they get together with friends from Cuba, "we have a big time." She added however that it sometimes is a mixture of sadness and joy.

A large percentage of these Cubans have left since 1962, Caudill said. "Quite a number who came out of Cuba as laymen have become pastors," he said. "Some who probably

wouldn't have been won to Christ have become Christians since they left Cuba."

Their congregations are not limited to Cubans, however. Spanish-speaking people, as well as a great many English-speaking people, are attracted to the Caudills' services. In New York City they spoke to a Spanish-speaking mixture including a large percentage of Puerto Ricans. In Texas and Los Angeles, their audience is largely Mexican-American.

In Arlington, Va., the Caudills found a large concentration of Bolivians in the services of the First Baptist Church of Clarendon. Charles Standridge, pastor of the church, said the Caudills were invited for a week-long visit to help strengthen the church's ministry to the Spanish-speaking community in Arlington.

"They came at our invitation to help us appraise our own Spanish ministry and to contact as many new people as possible," Standridge said. "We asked for the names of 50 Spanish-speaking families to contact. We didn't reach as many as we wanted to, but we found a surprising number of people who knew of the Caudills," he said.

Standridge observed that "many of the church members became aware that the Spanish-speaking people need a church."

"When the Spanish-speaking people come to America, the culture shock is tremendous," he continued.

"They arrive in a highly impersonal environment where their language is not understood and they struggle to understand they can understand. Many of the Spanish-speaking people are Catholics, but not active in the Catholic church. Often they become interested in our church because it has a Spanish ministry," Standridge said.

Since their return the Caudills have visited with their daughter in the Panama Canal Zone. She is married to Douglas Pringle, a Southern Baptist missionary in the Canal Zone.

Their son, Herbert, Jr., a civil engineer, still prefers a Spanish-speaking area. "When he works along the Mexican-American border, he makes contact with all the pastors in the area, and he is most interested in the Spanish-speaking churches," Mrs. Caudill said.

Another daughter, Margaret, is married to David Fite, who was arrested and imprisoned with Caudill in Cuba. Fite is now the director of continuing education at Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Mrs. Caudill said all of their grandchildren speak Spanish except the youngest Fite boy, who was born four months before his father and grandfather were imprisoned.

And if you understand Spanish, you could probably hear some interesting stories when the grandchildren climb up on Caudill's knees and ask, "Cuentame, abuelito, de tu en la Fortaleza Cabana de Cuba." (Roughly translated, "Tell me a story, grandfather, about your life in La Cabana prison in Cuba.")

A 'FIRST' FOR THE U. S. SENATE: WOMAN MINISTER OFFERS PRAYER

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — The Rev. Wilmina M. Rowland, the first woman ever invited to offer the U.S. Senate prayer, asked God to help Americans to realize "that all wisdom does not reside in us..."

"O God, who daily bears the burden of our life, we pray for humility as well as forgiveness," Miss Rowland, a United Presbyterian minister, said in her prayer which opened the Senate session July 8.

"As our country plays its part in the life of the world, help us to know that all wisdom does not reside in us, and that other nations have the right to differ with us as to what is best for them."

A wide variety of guest ministers have been invited to offer the Senate prayer, but Miss Rowland—who serves with the United Presbyterian Board of Christian Education—was the first woman to be asked.

Names In The News

The J. B. Betts family, accompanied by Mr. Benay Still and Mr. Rocky Crocker—both of Cleveland, Miss., recently spent three weeks in Vacation Bible Schools, a revival and gospel concerts in Montana. They stayed in Great Falls for two weeks helping the Highland Baptist Church in Vacation Bible School, Rev. Ovis Fainley, pastor. One week was spent in Conrad, Montana, at our Southern Baptist Mission, Rev. Jerry Gray, pastor. Here, they conducted V.B.S. in the mornings and revival services each evening.

Many decisions were registered in the services conducted by Bro. Betts and team, including 9 professions of faith, and one commitment to full-time service. Rocky Crocker felt led to stay in Montana to serve the rest of the summer as a missionary, so, this was another wonderful result of the trip.

This mission trip was made possible by gifts from many interested friends and churches where Mr. Betts has served. The entire trip lasted six weeks.

Mr. Betts has been in full-time evangelism for five years, serving in over 150 revivals during this time. He and his family reside in Southaven, Miss., and are members of the Carriage Hills Baptist Church, Rev. J. B. Miller, pastor.

Rev. Donnie Earl Bond was recently ordained by the Silver Springs Baptist Church of Route One, Osyka. Mr. Bond has been called as pastor of the Robertson Baptist Church of Peoria, which requested his ordination. Mr. and Mrs. Bond will be second year students at Southwest Junior College at Summit this coming year. Then they plan to continue their education at Mississippi College. The Bonds have two young sons, Mike and Jimmy. Rev. Elton Moore is pastor of the Silver Springs Church.

Dr. Louise Griffith, (pictured) is dean of women and associate professor of psychology at Mississippi College, has received word she will appear in three different national publications.

Dr. Griffith will be listed in Personalities of the South, the Dictionary of International Biography, and the National Register of Prominent Americans and International Notables.

A bachelor of arts graduate of Mississippi College, Dr. Griffith received the master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi.

A William Carey College graduate of 1969, Michael S. Henderson, has been named and honored as "Teacher of the Year" for Escambia County at Atmore, Alabama. A teacher at Escambia High School, Henderson earned the bachelor degree with a major in secondary education from Carey.

Two alumnae of William Carey College have been notified that they have been listed in the 1971 compilation of "Outstanding Young Women of America." Susie Epperson Dubose, of the class of 1968, and Sandra Castleberry Few, of the class of 1969, have been awarded the distinction on basis of their achievements. Both young women were outstanding during their college days—each having been honored with the title Miss Carey College during her senior year. Both were majors from the Department of Speech and Drama and both have contributed unusually to the educational life of Hattiesburg since graduation.

Mrs. Dubose, speech teacher at Blair High School, was named Mississippi Speech Teacher of the Year for 1971. Mrs. Few was named Star Teacher at Petal High School during recent months.

Rev. J. Ray Grissett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, will be the evangelist for the North Baldwin County (Alabama) Crusade for Christ in Bay Minnette, Alabama, August 1-6. Churches of various denominations are cooperating in the Crusade which will be held in the High School Stadium in Bay Minnette.

Cecil L. Harper, minister of Music at the First Baptist Church, Canton, will be the musician for the Crusade. He will sing and direct the Crusade Choir. Rev. Lester Hawkins, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church of Biloxi, will serve as youth coordinator and will conduct an "After-Glow" service each evening following the Crusade meeting.

Rev. Julian C. Burt, pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, Long Beach, will be in charge of counseling and personal work. He will lead in daily devotions at selected business houses each day. The team will work from the crusade headquarters on the square in Bay Minnette, Alabama during the week and covets the prayers of all readers.

David Blakeney (pictured) has been called south 28th Avenue Baptist church as full-time minister of music, youth and education. Mr. Blakeney and his wife, Sandra, are from Mobile, Alabama. He is a graduate of Mobile College and has served as minister of music in Mobile area churches for the past five years. Mr. Blakeney, a native of Forrest county who began his duties on July 12th, is in charge of the church's graded choir program, and will plan and coordinate the youth and education programs at south 28th Avenue Church.

C. W. Terrill, Jr., has accepted a call to become education director for Main Street Church, Hattiesburg. He will assume his duties August 15. Dr. John F. Barnes, Jr., is pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Ernest B. Beevers were scheduled to leave Indonesia on July 21 for furlough in the States (address: c/o Mrs. C. J. Tetlow, 735 Fee Ave., Parkland, Pa. 17447). Beevers, a Mississippian, was born in Jackson and also lived in Union. Mrs. Beevers, the former Barbara Tetlow of Pennsylvania, was born in Philadelphia and reared in Parkland. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1967.

James Harold Smothers received the Master of Religious Education degree from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in commencement exercises May 13, 1971.

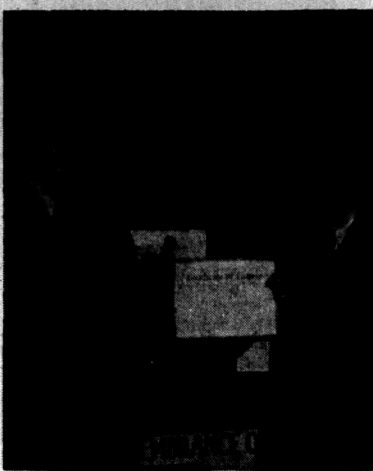
Smothers, a native of Memphis, Tenn., is the son of Fredrick and Anna Lee Smothers. He is a graduate of Messick High School, attended Clarke College, Newton, Miss., where he received his A.A. degree, and William Carey College, Hattiesburg, where he received his B.A. degree. His wife, the former Carol Lee Odom of Goodway, Ala., also received her A.A. degree from Clarke, and her B.A. degree from William Carey College. They are the parents of two children.

Smothers has served as bus pastor of the First Baptist Church New Orleans, La., while attending the seminary.

The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, offers work in three schools: Theology, Religious Education, and Church Music.

Rev. Ben J. Hornsby, pastor of Corinth Baptist Church, Purvis, has been ordered to active duty with the U. S. Naval Chaplain Corps. He will serve as Chaplain to Destroyer Squadron Twenty which is home-ported at Newport, Rhode Island.

His wife, the former June Gallagher, has completed all course requirements for the Ph.D. in Reading at the University of Southern Mississippi. She expects to graduate in May, 1972.



Joseph Michael Tyson of East Corinth Baptist Church, (left) is shown receiving a certificate of license into the Gospel ministry from Ray Marecle, chairman of deacons. He plans to enter college this fall.

After his dedication to full time Christian service, deep conviction came to him that he should serve the Lord in the ministry. The East Corinth Baptist Church met in conference on July 4, 1971 to set Mike apart for the ministry by licensing him.

Mike has served as youth pastor in his church and has preached on other occasions at various places.

The pastor of East Corinth Baptist Church is Rev. Duall Corbett.

Rev. Grady B. Parker, pastor of the Ingalls Avenue Baptist Church for the past six years, has announced his resignation effective August 1, 1971, to become the pastor of the Greenhill Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina.

Mr. Parker has been pastor of the Ingalls Avenue Church since April 4, 1965. Under his leadership the church has grown from a mission status to a present membership of almost 400.

Vance Downey, National Merit Scholar, from Hattiesburg will attend William Carey College this fall as a freshman honor student. The son of Dr. and Mrs. James Downey, Vance has had an outstanding academic record throughout his high school career. He was a member of Mu Alpha Theta, mathematics national honorary fraternity, and was on the Board of Directors of the Key Club at Blair High. He was graduated in May with high honors.

Downey, who has already begun some studies at Carey during the summer, plans to major in English and his tentative minor will be in music. He lives at 220 North 21st Avenue and is a member of First Baptist Church.

Rev. Eugene W. Broome of Sumrall, Miss., has resigned as pastor of Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church, Route 2, Cottondale, Fla., as of August 15.

to begin as pastor of Favorite Hill Baptist Church, August 22. Mr. Broome is a 1971 graduate of Baptist Bible Institute here. He was pastor of Oral Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss., before moving here in 1968 to enroll in school. Mrs. Broome was Voncile Lucas of Sumrall.

William Carey College ministerial student, Douglas Eugent Benedict, has been called as pastor of the Lebanon Baptist Church of Seminary, Mississippi. He assumes his new position on August 1.

Benedict attended Baptist Bible Institute in Graceville, Florida before transferring to Carey. While there he held a student pastorate for twenty months at Black, Alabama in the White Water Baptist Church.

Gerald Askew, son of missionaries to Japan, was married July 10 in Mobile, Ala., to Miss Karen Heflin. He is assistant administrator to Aspen Valley Hospital (Aspen, Colo. His parents, Dr. and Mrs. D. Curtis Askew, are natives of Mississippi.

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Bible School Trains Uganda Pastors

By Lanny and Brenda Elmore
We came to Kampala last September to establish a Bible school for pastors.

The idea is not new to the Baptist Mission of Uganda. The first school was begun in 1967 by former missionary Charles A. Tope. Located in Mbale, it draws students from all over Uganda.

But in planning for the future, the Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) decided that needs would be better served if there were six mission stations, instead of one school for the whole country.

This would solve three major problems. The first was transportation. As it was, pastors whose homes were a great distance from Mbale had to travel as much as two days to reach the school. The second problem was the large numbers of men who wished to attend. It was impossible to accommodate all at one school. Third, Baptist work in Uganda is conducted in eight different languages, making it almost impossible to communicate effectively in one Bible school.

Thus, after being stationed for 18 months in Mbale, where we taught in the Bible school, it became our task to start one at Kampala for the Laganda-speaking pastors.

Two of our first considerations were location and enrollment. We selected one of the better church buildings in the Kampala area. Enrollment was a problem in that many wished to come, but we could accommodate only seven.

The men, who sleep and study in one large room, attend classes one week each month. This schedule gives them time to maintain their farms, keeps them from losing contact with



LUNCHTIME: Students at the Kampala Bible School for pastors cook their meals outdoors. Lunch is matooke (steamed bananas) and beef. Two students were not present for photo.

their people, and gives them immediate opportunity to put into practice the things they learn. The result has been steady growth in their churches.

Food and transportation is provided, but each man pays four shillings (55 cents) per month in school fees.

They study the Bible, doctrine, and pastoral and church ministries. The curriculum in the schools is coordinated so that all of the students have the same training.

The teachers are missionaries and outstanding graduates of the Mbale Bible School. The latter are very

effective teachers.

Missionary wives have extended the ministry of the Bible school program in an exciting way: now there is a monthly school for the pastors' wives. They usually meet for fewer days than their husbands, but during that time they study Bible and doctrine, and they discuss ways of witnessing and working with women and children in the church. They learn how to maintain a Christian home, home, and they particularly enjoy classes in child care, cooking, hygiene, nutrition and sewing.

Few U. S. Presidents Seen As Church-Related

A sweeping study of U. S. Presidents shows that few had formal affiliation with any church or were in any sense devout.

George Washington identified himself with no religious establishment, says John Sutherland Bonnell in his book Presidential Profiles. Thomas Jefferson also declined any links with a creed. James Madison, another of the Founding Fathers, regarded discussions of religion as a strictly personal matter. So did James Monroe, who did attend the Episcopal church, however.

Dr. Bonnell, former minister at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York, broke down the affiliations or leanings of the 37 presidents: 11 in the Episcopalian tradition, 9 in the Presbyterian, 4 in the Methodist and 2 each in the Congregational, Dutch Reformed, Unitarian, Disciples

of Christ, Baptists and Quakers. John F. Kennedy was the sole Roman Catholic.

It was Rutherford B. Hayes who introduced religious services to the White House by scheduling Sunday evening hymn sings. William McKinley, once a Sunday school teacher, quoted the Lord's Prayer as he lay dying of an assassin's bullet. He revived the Sunday evening practice.

Dwight D. Eisenhower began the annual Presidential Prayer Breakfast and requested that his Cabinet pray silently before each meeting.

Several Presidents, Bonnell discovered, were avid Bible readers. Abraham Lincoln probably was the best informed of Scriptural teaching. "I have often wished that I was a more devout man than I am," Lincoln allegedly told a delegation of Presbyterians. "Nevertheless, amid the

greatest difficulties of my administration, when I could not see any other resort, I would place my whole reliance in God."

Andrew Johnson (the only President who was the object of impeachment which was unsuccessful) frequently quoted the Bible. McKinley kissed an open Bible at his first inaugural. Wilson prayed on his knees and read the Bible so thoroughly that he wore out several copies during his lifetime. Herbert Hoover, as a Quaker youth, read the entire Bible.

President Nixon, who has stressed worship more than any other President, is a birthright Quaker who prefers the Protestant style of worship.

The White House worship service of this administration "is now a truly ecumenical meeting," the noted author observes. — NBR

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Family Conflict and Reconciliation

By Clinton J. Allen
Genesis 27:1 to 28:5, 23;
Matthew 21:28-31a

The lesson continues the unit, "Marriage and the Family." The fact of family conflict is a warning to try to avoid the causes of conflict and to



try to achieve reconciliation if conflict has already arisen. Problems are due to many factors. A false understanding of the marriage relationship, misunderstanding of the roles of parents and children in family life, and the perversity and weakness in human beings are some of the factors causing conflicts. The alarming prevalence of conflict in family life is a challenge to seek the instruction given in the Bible as to ways to effect reconciliation and to achieve the enduring strength and joy that ought to mark family relationships.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED THE SETTING FOR CONFLICT

Even prior to the story in this chapter it is said, "Isaac loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob" (Gen. 25:28). Parental favoritism divided this family from the beginning. Now we see the outcome of that favoritism. Isaac was old, and his eyesight was failing. Rebekah took advantage of that situation to connive with Jacob to defraud Esau of the birthright blessing which Isaac was about to bestow on him as the older of the two sons. The story is told in detail in chapter 27. Rebekah's conduct can deserve nothing but the severest con-

demnation. She devised the way of deception and urged Jacob to carry it out. This Jacob did, faithfully executing Rebekah's scheme and openly lying to his father in declaring himself to be Esau. Though Esau had had little regard for the birthright, he was bitterly hurt in being robbed of it. He therefore hated Jacob and resolved to kill him. All this was behind another scheme and devised by Rebekah to send Jacob to Haran to remain there until Esau's hatred would wane and Jacob could safely return to Canaan.

PREPARATION FOR RECONCILIATION

As Jacob fled away from the home in Beersheba, God appeared to him in a vision at Bethel. Prior to this, Jacob was completely worldly minded. He now began to become religiously minded. The years in Haran followed. Jacob reaped something of what he had sowed. He too was deceived and defrauded. But under the blessing of God he prospered greatly. And then with wives and children and flocks he started back toward Canaan. En route, angels of God met Jacob. At Peniel, God wrestled with Jacob; and Jacob became a new man. At no time had God given up his purpose in Jacob, his hope for Jacob. When Jacob came face to face with God at Peniel, he yielded himself more completely to the will of God. A spiritual transformation took place and prepared him for reconciliation with his brother.

JOY THROUGH RECONCILIATION

(33:4-11)
We have in the experience of Jacob and Esau, an illustration. Why Esau earlier had started to meet Jacob,

we do not know, whether for vengeance or in friendship. At any rate, when they met, Esau took the initiative, running to meet Jacob to embrace him and to kiss him. The two together wept in the joy of their reconciliation. Jacob acknowledged the gracious goodness of God in giving to him his family and his flocks. He wanted to express his desire for reconciliation by giving to Esau generous gifts, a present from his flocks. Thus he wanted to find favor with Esau. When Esau declined on the ground of his own adequacy of goods, Jacob pressed him to accept the present, which Esau then did. There was more on Esau's part than accepting the gift. It indicated that he also accepted the giver. And thus the two brothers were united with forgiveness and goodwill, united in reconciliation and joy.

Truths to Live By

Human perversity and weakness are factors to be faced in family relationships. — The persons who make up the family are still human, intensely so. And they are subject to inclinations toward evil, strong drives for self-gratification, and the weakness that characterizes the flesh. A realistic awareness on the part of the adult members of the family, which can be shared with the cultivated in children and youth, of the imperfections and weaknesses and undisciplined selfishness on the part of one another will help the family to avoid conflicts and to be prepared for tensions which will inevitably come. Always it is imperative for one member of a family to be considerate of the weakness of another and to be pliable and patient and forgiving in response to shortcomings on the part

of child or parent, brother or sister.

Prevention is better than cure. — Parents should help children to develop convictions about honesty and habits of fair play and sharing and a willingness to be responsible for one's own things and assigned duties. Youth can also be fortified against alarming peril in drugs, the danger in beverage alcohol, and the confusion and doubt resulting from misunderstanding about the nature of the Bible and the salvation of Christ and ways to grow in the Christian life. Again let it be said with strongest emphasis to husbands and wives: prevention is better than cure with respect to any conflict, that would result from attention to any other woman or man, indifference to each other's sex needs, actions which might occasion suspicion or jealousy, and involvement in any good or bad endeavor which robs one's companion of affection, companionship and support.

Reconciliation calls for openness and willingness, for honesty and forgiveness. — The cause of conflict needs to be faced. Responsibility for conflict needs to be accepted. One must be willing to admit that he is at fault, that he has been unfair or unkind toward another, that he has committed injury or wrong against another, that he has committed injury or wrong against another. Thus there is basis for forgiveness and reconciliation. Let it be remembered that Jesus Christ is the great reconciler. The recognition of his presence, the willingness to accept his instruction, and the acceptance of his grace in forgiving our sins and shortcomings, will heal the wounds of conflict and strife and restore harmony and oneness in the family.



Brotherhood Ladies Night Held in Senatobia

Brotherhood Ladies Night was held at the First Baptist Church in Senatobia recently. From left are seen: Jerry Brewer, who introduced the speaker; Jackie Lipe, accompanist; George Lipe, speaker and singer; and Howard Carpenter, president of the Brotherhood. George Lipe and Miss Jackie Lipe of Indianola, presented the program. Mr. Lipe is a deacon of the Fairview Baptist Church. Miss Lipe is a student at Mississippi Delta Junior College, Moorhead. Mr. Lipe and his daughter, Jackie, as a musical team presented an excellent program. Sixty people attended this outstanding program.

U. S. SUPREME COURT RULING TOUCHES 19 STATES WITH CHURCH SCHOOL AID

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — A check of states following the Supreme Court's decision to block government aid to parochial and private schools shows that 19 are affected by the ban.

The latest figures, according to a poll in the Buffalo Evening News, reveals that 31 states and the District of Columbia offer no state aid to non-public schools or offer only minimal aids such as bussing, health services and state-aided classes for disabled or disadvantaged children.

Nine of the 19 states offer moderate aid, such as tax deductions for private school tuition, limited help on textbooks and shared time plans.

Ten states have substantial programs for teacher salary supplements, textbook purchasing and other state funds for non-public schools.

The nation's total public school enrollment is 47 million. The average ratio is one parochial school student for every 11 public school students.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Overcoming Prejudice

Deut. 7:1-3; Acts 10
By Bill Duncan

Prejudice does not deal with race alone. I know some people who are prejudice against Catholics. I know



doctors who are prejudice against other doctors. But this is one of the big problems we must deal with in our times and in this lesson.

What is prejudice? It is an opinion formed without taking time and care to judge fairly. Most of the time it applies to an opinion, usually unfavorable, formed beforehand with no basis except personal feelings. Men of all ages, races, countries have been guilty of this social disease. The severeness of this is because it effects men's relationship with one another. It is absent when Christ-like love dominates one's life and attitude. Anything less than love is wrong and sinful.

It is easy to diagnose the disease, but the treatment and the cure is painful and hard. There are many who are going around pointing their finger of prejudice at others saying you are guilty, when they too are guilty.

Was God Prejudiced?

Deut. 7:1-3

The Jews of Jesus' day had prej-

udice in their heart toward Gentiles because they thought God was. They were wrong. God had selected the nation of Israel to be his very own people to use them to bring the same blessing to all the people of the earth. The people were selected individually not as a group. Their election was based upon their faith response to God. Really God selected the Jews before they became a nation. There is no super race, as Hitler wanted to make. The execution of Jews based upon prejudice was wrong. The execution and the prejudice was wrong.

Some have wanted to believe that the acceptance of Jews for salvation was different than the Gentiles. Many Jews thought they would be saved because they claimed Abraham as their father. But the rejection of the Jews because they refused to believe God is just the same as the rejection of any man who refuses to believe. No one enjoys a position of special favor in God's sight except those who have been saved by the grace of God.

What was the result of God choosing Israel to be his chosen people? This should have resulted in a superiority in character because the people tried to be like God. Happiness and unity should have been the by-products of their covenant. Humility is



First, New Albany Dedicates Camp

First Baptist Church of New Albany held a dedication service for its church camp on Sunday, July 18. The camp is named after Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Armstrong who gave 50 acres of land in 1961 to the church. The services were presided by a pastor on the camp grounds. The camp has

an auditorium, recreation room, kitchen facilities, a covered patio, modern rest room facilities, four cabins and a six acre lake. It is being used all summer by various groups. Reservations for next year will be accepted soon. Rev. Wm. F. Evans is pastor.

the natural attitude of such an honor, plus conformity to Judaism and those who are not saved by Christ alone.

The Cornelius Incident Acts 10

Luke regarded the Cornelius incident to be so important that it occupies almost two whole chapters. For the Christian movement turned an important corner, reaching out to all of mankind a gospel of grace, available to all men by personal repentance and faith. As a God-fearing man, Cornelius accepted the truth of Jewish religion but had not become a proselyte by circumcision nor attached himself to a synagogue. One afternoon while he was praying, an angel appeared to him in a vision and conveyed an important message from God. In fright, Cornelius said, "What is it Lord?" He was told to get in touch with Peter at Joppa.

Peter was described as being hungry and while a meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance and had a vision. On a sheet let down by four corners, he beheld all kinds of animals. He was told to kill and eat but Peter refused because he had never eaten foods mixed like these. The answer to the protest was clearcut: What God hath cleansed, make not thou common. This was a strange experience. But out of it comes the instruction to go with the three men. Peter went with 6 men (kinsmen and near friends) to the Gentile home. He was mindful that the Jewish custom of self-segregation, but also the recent command of God not to consider any man common or unclean. Peter preached in the Gentile home that Jesus Christ was for both Jews and Gentiles.

The company of Jews were amazed to see the unmistakable outward signs that believing Gentiles were receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. This Gentile experience compared with Pentecost.

The reaction of the pious Jews to the Gentile group receiving the word of God was protest. The party of protest was upset that Peter had eaten with men uncircumcised. The important experience of Cornelius was completely overlooked. This pious Jew began to divide the new Christian movement between those who insisted that a person is saved by Christ

A little heart searching will reveal our need of a deeper love for Christ and for others. As long as people differ in their views about things, they tend to group themselves into parties. So many people base their prejudices upon the smaller things rather than the major issues.

The only way to overcome prejudice is for the individual to seek to have Christ-like love. Too often we base our decision upon opinions rather than facts. Too long, our circumstances have changed us rather than us trying, to change the circumstances.

Moody Adams Coming To Pascagoula

Moody Adams, a young evangelist whose crowds are now overflowing churches, who spoke over 1,000 times in 1970 and persuaded 12,000 to make public decisions for Christ in the year is coming to Pascagoula.

Wadesboro, North Carolina's Anson Record said he was attracting the largest crowds of any event in the history of the area. He will be speaking at War Memorial Stadium on August 1-8 with Sunday night services at 8:00 p. m. and week nights at 7:30 p. m. A number of churches in the Pas-Point area will be assisting with choir members, counselors and other ways to make the crusade a great success.

Hopewell (Copiah) Sets Homecoming

Homecoming will be held in Copiah County at the Hopewell Baptist Church on August 8. This is the beginning of revival services. There will be 11:00 service followed with dinner on the grounds, and afternoon services. The Rev. Andrew Chandler will be the visiting speaker.

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Devotional

"Ye Are My Friends"

By J. H. Kysar, Bude
John 15:14

"Ye are my friends, if ye do the things which I command you." We often abuse the word friend by speaking of a familiar acquaintance as a friend. Pythagoras once said, "Friendship—one soul in two bodies." Jonathan and David were true friends—"The soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul."

When we are reminded that Jesus is our devoted and faithful friend it thrills us. I am glad that He did not say, "I'll be your friend, if so and so." Instead the Son of God is our friend always, even when we are not His. If you or I could say, the president of the United States is my devoted and personal friend, I have an idea that we would feel that we were very fortunate, and greatly honored. But how much more are we honored that Jesus is our friend—"I have called you friends."

This statement of Jesus, "Ye are my friends, if ye do the things which I command you" is in harmony with other statements: "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments," and "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love." The basis of this friendship then is love, and I am glad that it is so. If it were anything but love—education, social standing, etc.—it would leave out some; but not love: love makes no limitations.

It is sobering when we remember that the condition of our friendship with Jesus is obedience: "Ye are my friends, if ye DO the things which I command you." The question naturally arises, what had He commanded? Any one who can read can answer that question for himself by simply reading his Bible: reading with the desire to know what God has said to us, and also with the purpose to do what He has asked us to do. Such ones are the obedient ones, and true friends indeed of Jesus.

When we read Jesus' words, "Ye are my friends, if ye do the things which I command you," and remember that there are only two masters, two implications arise: one, if we are not obedient to Jesus then we are not His friends; and two, if we are not the friend of Jesus then we are the friend of our enemy.

Each one therefore should ask himself, according to the terms of Jesus, whose friend am I? There is no joy equal to that of being the devoted friend of Jesus, our Lord.



Mississippi College Boosters

These four men were in Forest this week to attend a special Mississippi College Booster Club meeting for area alumni, supporters, and athletes. From the left are John Rogers, Morton, member of the college's Board of Trustees; Roy Noble Lee, Forest, also a Trustee of the college; Dr. Charles Martin, vice-president for academic affairs; and Harry Upton, Clinton, president of the Booster Club. Over 60 persons attended the meeting and heard reports from college officials on various aspects of the academic and athletic programs. (M. C. Photo by Norman Gough).



Joe H. Barber, left, is shown being presented a plaque at the Harpersville Baptist church in recognition of fifty years service as a deacon. Making the presentation is pastor, Rev. Elton Barlow.

Joe H. Barber, Baptist Deacon For Fifty Years, Is Honored

Joe H. Barber was honored at the Harpersville Baptist Church on a recent Sunday night in recognition of his 50th anniversary as a Baptist deacon, 40 of them at Harpersville.

He was presented a plaque by the pastor, Rev. Elton Barlow, who said: "While we always, when we come to worship, do it to honor our Lord, to-night we also want to honor you, one of His faithful servants, for fifty years of active active as a Deacon."

The ceremony was planned as a surprise to Mr. Barber, now 81, who was elected a deacon July 17, 1921, at the Baptist Church in Mt. Olive.

Rev. Barlow also complimented Mrs. Barber as "a good woman who has been working at her husband's side."

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Barber's two sons, Joe H. Barber, Jr., controller at MSCW, Columbus; and Sidney Barber, executive with International Computers, in New York, and their families.

The Joe Barber, Jr., children attending were Joe III and Beverly. Another daughter, Beth is working

this summer in Jamaica, N. Y., for the Mission Board. The Sidney Barber children present were Valerie and Margie.

A tribute from the family was made by Mrs. Joe Barber, Jr., and from the board of deacons, of which Mr. Barber is chairman, by Bryan Hamilton, who is next to Mr. Barber in seniority.

In his response, Mr. Barber said: "I am glad I have lived long enough to help do what has been done around here. I hope the Lord will spare me to do more. I appreciate the honor you have bestowed."

Mr. Barber has been active in all phases of church activity. He was instrumental in establishing a God's Storehouse, where gifts could be brought during the depression days, and he served on the building committee the constructed the present church building in 1955.

Special music was provided by vocalists Mrs. Tonja Madison, Mrs. Hazel Golden, Mrs. Irene Burnham and Mrs. Janice Golden, with Vicki Dodson accompanying on the piano.

Conner Named Secretary For Church Recreation Department

Ray Conner of the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board has been named secretary of the board's church recreation department.

In his new position, Conner will direct the work of the department as it relates to churches in the areas of social activities, sports and physical activities, camps, retreats and outdoor activities.

Mr. Conner drama, arts, crafts and hobbies, recreation music and senior adult recreation.

Before joining the board's church music department in 1965, Conner was music and Sunday School secretary during 1963-64 for the Kansas Baptist Convention, Wichita. Earlier, he served three years as music and education minister at First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Ark., and has served in a similar capacity for churches in Missouri and Ohio. He has also served in the board's education division as program design and research consultant, and in the church music department as church music administration consultant.

Conner received the B. A. degree from Central Missouri State College, Warrensburg. He completed require-

ments for his master of music degree at University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. He has done additional study at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. A native of Missouri, Conner spent his childhood in Kansas and North Carolina.

He is married to the former Barbara Rhea Spence of Miami, Okla. The Conners have three daughters.

Four Carey Grads Among 40 Receiving Degrees At N. O.

Four William Carey College graduates were among the 40 persons who received graduate degrees at New Orleans Baptist Seminary on July 23.

Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, president of Carey College was the guest speaker for the commencement program held in the Roland Q. Leavell Chapel on the New Orleans campus.

Those Carey alumni receiving master of theology degrees were Thomas Kelly Gilder; Charles Wrenford Jones; Jerry Lynn Curry; and Gerald Wayne Mixon. This is a three-year graduate program past the bachelor degree. The first two students mentioned were involved in the theology honor's program which included concentrated studies in Hebrew and Greek.

Midway (Pontotoc) Sets Three Events

Midway Church in Pontotoc County is planning three important events for the near future.

Revival is set for August 22-27 preceded by a music week starting August 15. Rev. D. D. Satterwhite of Bay Springs is Evangelist for the revival, and Johnny Eubanks, working in connection with the State Music Department, will direct the school of music and lead the music for the revival.

A Homecoming event is set for August 29, with Dr. Foy Rogers preaching at the 11:00 a.m. service. Lunch will be served at noon, and a program of music will be enjoyed in the afternoon.

Rev. Jerry Stevens is pastor.

Magee's Creek In Walthall County Calls New Pastor

Rev. Farris Smith (pictured) has accepted the call to the pastorate of Magee's Creek Baptist Church in Walthall County.

Mr. Smith is the former pastor of West Poplarville Baptist Church in the Pearl River Association, and a recent

graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, having received his Master of Theology in the Honors Program on July 23, 1971.

He is a native of Griffin, Georgia and a graduate of Mississippi College.

His wife, the former Gaye Alford, is a native of Tylertown, Mississippi. They have one son, Mike, who is 18 months.

Revival Dates

38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg: Aug. 15-22; Dr. J. Clark Hensley (pictured) Jackson, evangelist; Clark Adams, music director; Rev. V. C. Windham, pastor.

Mt. Zion Church (Rankin): Aug. 8-13; Rev. Kenneth Harrison, pastor; Rev. J. H. Hensley, evangelist; Sunday services begin at 11 a.m. with lunch served in the fellowship hall followed by afternoon services at 1 o'clock; youth night on Thursday.

Pearl Church (Rankin): Aug. 9-15; Rev. H. J. Bennett, evangelist; Dean Hunter, singer; services 7:30 p.m. and 10 a.m.; Rev. Carl E. Talbert, pastor.

Braxton Church, (Simpson): Aug. 8-13; services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Don Cotton, pastor; Stringer Church, evangelist; James Beasley, Minister of Music, Star Baptist, Music Director; Rev. W. Michael Everett, pastor.

Carnation Church, Okolona: August 8-13; Rev. Joe Herndon, Pastor, East Booneville Church, Booneville, Evangelist, Rev. John Paul Jones, Pastor, McCordy Church, singer. Services: Sunday-11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Services during the week 7:45 p.m. Miss Vickie Gober, organist; Mr. Donald Pendergrast, pianist; Rev. Edward Pendergrast, Pastor.

Amasaiah Church, Hickory Flat: August 8-14; Evening services at 7:30; Rev. Joe Bryant of New Albany, evangelist; Rev. G. L. Gullett, pastor.

Concord Baptist Church (Franklin): Aug. 8-13. Rev. Luther Price, pastor of Moaks Creek Church (Lincoln) evangelist; Tom Byrd of Christ Baptist Church, Houma, La., song leader; Sunday morning service at 10:30 a.m. followed by dinner on the grounds and afternoon service; no Sunday night service; weekday services 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. Ronald Hazlett, pastor.

Madison Church (Hinds - Madison): Aug. 8-13; Dr. Joe Tuten, (pictured) pastor; Calvary Church, Jackson, evangelist; James T. Moore, singer; services on Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Billy McKay, pastor.

Hickory Church, Hickory: Aug. 8-13; Rev. Harold C. Ishee, pastor; Plainway Church, Laurel, evangelist; Dallas Rayborn, Main St. Church, Hattiesburg, singer; services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. H. L. Davis, pastor.

Pioneer Church, Woodville: Aug. 8-13; Rev. Jimmy Dale Porter, pastor; Pleasant Ridge Church (Union) evangelist; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.; weekday services 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Rev. Lawrence Runnels, pastor.

Cedar Bluff Church, Cedar Bluff: Aug. 15-21; Rev. Johnny Tucker, Thomasville, Ala., evangelist; Rev. David Mahaffey, Siloam Church, song director; services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. D. W. Patrick, pastor.

Center Grove (Lauderdale): Aug. 9-14; Rev. Bill Duncan, pastor; First Church, Brandon, evangelist; Miss Carol Neal, music director; Miss Martha Butler, pianist; services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. James Irby, pastor.

Liberty Church, Toombs: Aug. 8-13; Rev. Leon Young, evangelist; Harold Hollingsworth, song leader; services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Billy Whitaker, pastor.

New Prospect Church, Brookhaven: Aug. 1-6; Rev. Gene Henderson, (pictured) pastor; Sunflower Church, evangelist; Charles Ray Winborne, Southway Church, Brookhaven, music director; Rev. James E. Watts, pastor; services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

O'Folcofola Church (Yalobusha): Aug. 1-6; Rev. Gerald Porter, pastor; Calvary Church (Belzoni), evangelist; Larry Dean Hardy, music director; Mrs. Conley Hardy and Miss Sandra Pinkerton, accompanists; services 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.; Rev. Harry Sartain, pastor.

Ogden Church, Benton: Aug. 1-6; Rev. Ed Perrett, pastor; Melrose Church, evangelist; Rev. Doug Warren, singer and pastor; services 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

First Church, Lambert (Quitman): Aug. 8-13 Rev. Fred Chancellor, pastor; First Church, Fulton, evangelist; Rick Ball, First Church, Lambert, music director; services Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; weekday services, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. B. Wayne Long, pastor.

Center Ridge (Yazoo): Aug. 8-13; Dr. Harold Bryson, pastor, First Church, Carthage, evangelist; Bennie McBride, minister of music, Westside Emmanuel Church, Bogalusa, La., singer; Mrs. Earnest Jackson, pianist; Mrs. James Oakes, organist; services 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jim Nunneley, pastor.

Bellevue Church, Hwy 90 W (Lamar): Aug. 8-13; Rev. Russell Narn, pastor; Oak Hill Church, Poplarville, evangelist; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.; dinner served at the church on Sunday, no Sunday night service; weekday services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. James Yates, pastor.

Agricola Church, Agricola: Aug. 8-13; Rev. O. B. Robertson, former pastor of Agricola; now of Thousand Oaks, California, evangelist; Gary Shows, minister of music at Petal, singer; services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Bryce Evans, pastor.

Beulah Church (Holmes) Lexington: Aug. 15-20; Rev. Daniel Lee Springfield, (pictured) pastor; West End Church, East Point, evangelist; Miss Notie Hammett, choir director, will lead singing; Miss Dee Ann Toomey, pianist; Rev. Fred Toomey, pastor.

Tommy Smith Set Apart For Ministry

The Rev. Tommy G. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Odie Smith of Louisville, Mississippi, was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Singleton Baptist Church (Winston County) Sunday, July 18, 1971.

Dr. R. A. Herrington, County Superintendent of Missions, served as moderator. Rev. Pete Jackson of Moss Point brought the message. The Rev. Reuben Clark gave the charge. The Rev. C. S. Mullens of Starkville, founder of Singleton Church, presented the Bible. The ordination prayer was led by W. T. McDowell, pastor of Singleton Church.

Mr. Smith has recently been called to Pleasant Ridge Church near Starkville. He and his wife, the former Patricia Spence of Louisville, live in Luxury Trailer Court, Starkville, while he attends Mississippi State University this summer.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Crossroads Church (Zion): Rev. William S. Weddle, pastor of Walthall Church, evangelist; Rev. Jon Doler, pastor of Pleasant Hill Church, Calhoun County, song leader; 10 professions of faith; 1 by statement; 30 rededications; Rev. Billy Floyd, pastor.

July 18-23; Rev. Lavon Hatten, superintendent of missions for Montgomery and Carroll Counties; evangelist; 4 professions of faith; 3 rededications and change of letter; 3 by letter; 4 rededications; 1 placed under watch-care of church; Rev. Cecil Mulloy, pastor.

Lone Pine Church (Madison): July 25-30; Rev. Jack Farmer, pastor; Center Terrace Church, Canton, evangelist; Roger Pursley, minister of music, Center Terrace Church, Canton, song leader; Douglas Raspberry, organist for the Center Terrace Church, pianist; 1 profession of faith; 3 by letter and 15 rededications.

Bethlehem Church, (Yazoo): July 18-25; Rev. Jim Spencer, pastor of Comite Church, Baton Rouge, Evangelist; Rev. Glenn Davis, minister of music at Calvary, Greenwood, singer; Dennis and Brenda Perry, and Mrs. Rex Waters, instrumentalists; 15 rededications, 8 professions of faith; 8 by letter; Rev. Ronald H. Jordan, pastor.

New Zion Church (Simpson): Rev. Henry Bennett, pastor; Byron Church, evangelist; 6 rededications; Rev. R. G. Stewart, pastor.

Youth Of First, Tupelo Present Unique Program

On Sunday, July 25, the Youth of First Baptist Church of Tupelo presented a Youth Talent for God.

The program, under the direction of the music director, Shirley Page and the youth director, Steve Dillard, consisted of flute solos, several piano solos, organ solos, piano and organ duets, readings, vocal duets, trios, ensembles, several choir numbers, a chemistry experiment, testimonies by all the young people and then an invitation given by our pastor, Dr. James Travis.

It was a blessing to all those who attended to hear these young people use their talents for the Lord.



Books, Books Everywhere At Carey

Books, books, everywhere might be the theme for this picture as William Carey College alumni come forth with contributions for the Rouse Library. Bobby and Pauline Scott, right, graduates of Carey from the years 1962 and 1963 responded to the appeal from the William Carey College Alumni Association for its 1971 annual fund drive for library development by contributing an entire set of Messages and Papers of the Presidents, consisting of 19 large volumes. The Scotts live in Oak Grove and were assisted in bringing the books to Carey by their pastor, Rev. Nathan Barber, left, of Calvary Baptist Church, Oak Grove, also a Carey alumnus.

Evangelist Tierney Will Be In Calhoun County

Rev. John Tierney will be at the Spring Hill Baptist Church in Calhoun County for weekend services Aug. 7-8. He will speak and show slides on Saturday night at 8 o'clock of his recent missionary trip to Africa and Haiti. He will also preach at the morning services at Spring Hill Sunday at 11:00 a.m. People from entire area are invited. Rev. Kenneth McMillen is pastor.

Cain Called To Blythe Creek

Blythe Creek Baptist Church, Choctaw County, has called as its pastor Paul G. Cain, (pictured) of Kosciusko. Rev. Cain is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton and a 1971 graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is married to the former Paulette Williams of Kosciusko and they have one daughter, Stephanie Lee.

Featured Soloist In Coast Revival

Bette Stalenecker (pictured) is a featured soloist in the Moody Adams Revival Crusade now being held nightly through Aug. 8 at the War Memorial Stadium in Pascagoula. Lee Fisher, scheduled music director for the crusade, was unable to appear because of the death of his mother.

English-Language Churches Hold 11th Assembly

Andrew D. MacRae, president of the European Baptist Federation and secretary-superintendent of the Baptist Union of Scotland, was featured speaker for the 11th annual summer assembly of the European Baptist Convention (English language), held at Interlaken, Switzerland, July 10-15.